



City Limits Extension

Annexation by the city of outside boundaries has been the topic of discussion at two meetings in less than 10 days—by a group of Bethlehem area citizens and by a newly formed citizens forum which held an organizational meeting Saturday with an eye toward looking to issues affecting citizens of the Greater Kings Mountain area.

Since the posting of a map at City Hall by the city's annexation committee Bethlehem area citizens have been taking a look at it and their recent meeting was just one of many the 11 member board will be doing in future months. They want to learn more about the city's plans for annexation of outside boundaries in the future and we think it timely for both city officials and those representatives from the outlying areas to sit down together and discuss the matter. Citizens attending Tuesday night's meeting said that if Kings Mountain makes an attempt to annex their area they will oppose it and will start the mechanics necessary to incorporate.

Proper date for extending city limits by annexation of the city has depended on the city's capabilities to provide all city services, such as water, sewer, fire and police protection, garbage pickup, etc. City officials say the time is right to look into extending the city limits for future growth.

The Citizens Forum attended by 18 citizens on Saturday morning feel the city should take care of the city first, before taking on more work outside the city boundaries and that streets should be getting attention as well as some other areas as a first priority.

Attending all city meetings of the board of commissioners, which meets second Mondays and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m. every month at City Hall, should be a must for both groups. It will be at least December before preliminary studies are completed by the city annexation committee and after that will be hearings at which time these citizens can let their voices be heard, for and against annexation.

Both groups need to sit down with city officials and take a look at both good and bad points.

Support Agriculture

How do we keep kids down on the farm?

Are there fewer young people interested in agriculture today, or is there some other reason that enrollment in colleges of agriculture is falling off?

College officials say jobs are out there for ag graduates, yet nationwide, colleges of agriculture are graduating only 85 percent of the number of students needed to fill the vacancies. Aside from the ag related jobs, many young people who want to go into the business of farming feel they need the knowledge that can be acquired at college to be successful farmers.

Maybe too many young people are overly influenced by the hard times that agriculture has seen in the last few years. Maybe they don't see a future for themselves in an industry that's beset with so many problems that seem impossible to solve. We would rather think that than to believe that all those young folks out there just don't care about agriculture in general.

We're reminded of an unhappy school teacher who had worked his way through college after turning down a full scholarship at an engineering school. He said at the time, engineers were standing in bread lines and nobody told him that the Great Depression would not last forever. He wanted to be an engineer, but he also wanted to have a job when he got out of college.

Maybe we need to do a better job of telling our young people today that agriculture is here to stay and that no problem is unsurmountable.

Mrs. P.D. Patrick

Newcomers to Kings Mountain didn't have the pleasure of knowing Mrs. P.D. Patrick.

But those of us who knew her and loved her mourn her passing.

Mrs. Patrick was the wife of Dr. P.D. Patrick, for many years the pastor of First Presbyterian Church and Dixon Presbyterian Church.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Patrick left their mark on this community. Their door was always open to anyone in need and even in retirement at The Presbyterian Home in Summerville, S.C. Blanche Patrick was still sharing her Christian faith with other people.

Kings Mountain is a much better place because of the P.D. Patricks and those of us who shared in their lives are much better people because they came our way.

Legion Of Honor

Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at a recent Charter Night Banquet tapped members for a Legion of Honor honoring them for long service to the civic organization.

The honor group includes: Jim Amos, past secretary, 25 years; Charles Neisler, past president, 30 years; Grady Howard, past president, 30 years; Bob Baker, 35 years; Glee Bridges, past president, 35 years; Bill Fulton, past president, 40 years; J.C. Bridges, past president, 40 years; Bill Craig, charter member, 30 years; John L. McGill, charter member and past president, 45 years; Harry Page, who served three terms as president, charter member, 45 years; and David Mauney, 30 years.

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club was chartered 45 years ago in Kings Mountain.

Perfect attendance awards also went to Glee Bridges, J.C. Bridges, Grady Howard, Doyle Campbell, Paul Ham, Scott Mayse and Bill Craig.

Kissing Trivia

One of the most popular board games on the market today is called "Trivia Pursuit." The object of the game is to correctly answer questions in different subject areas. No matter how smart a player may be, he or she is sure to encounter a number of interesting facts with which he or she is unfamiliar.

Now I've heard it all! In one of the clipping services which came across my desk this week was a "Kissing Trivia" put out by the lip care experts at Blistex, Inc., Oak Brook, Ill.

Kissing is having a heyday! The artful peck on the cheek is far from limited to baby, bussing, politicians-everybody's doing it, according to Blistex who offer these "trivial" insights into the time-honored pursuit of kissing.

It's free advertising for this medicated lip care product, of course.

Ann Landers, advisor to the lovelorn, says, "Kissing is an expression of affection that gets people so close together that they can't see anything wrong with each other."

Medical terminologists have defined kissing as the anatomical juxtaposition of two orbicularis oris muscles in the state of attraction.

The main point of Blistex advertisement/story is that proper lip care is far from trivial, of course.

Now that you have some background on kissing, try this trivia quiz.

1. What 1940 movie has the longest screen kiss in U.S. film history - 185 seconds?

2. During what era was kissing your wife in public considered a crime?

3. According to The Official Preppy Handbook, what is kissing in front of others called?

4. Who sang "Kiss of Fire" into the "Top Ten"?

5. Can you name the movies starring these famous kissing couples?

- Katharine Hepburn/Jimmy Stewart
- Eva Marie Saint/Cary Grant
- Ingrid Bergman/Cary Grant
- Ali McGraw/Ryan O'Neal
- Claudette Colbert/Clark Gable
- Jennifer Jones/Gregory Peck

ANSWERS: 1. "You're In The Army Now"; 2. Colonial; 3. PDA (Public Display of Affection); 4. Tony Martin; 5. (a) "Philadelphia Story"; (b) "North by Northwest"; (c) "Notorious"; (d) "Love Story"; (e) "It Happened One Night"; (f) "Duel In The Sun"

Carpenters Wed

Of interest to Kings Mountain citizens is the wedding in New York of Amy Claire Edmondson and Mark Dunbar Carpenter.

Carpenter is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. James A. Carpenter of New York and Greensboro, Vt. He is the grandson of the late Clarence E. Carpenter of Kings Mountain and Bess Webb Carpenter of Gastonia and nephew of Fanny Carpenter of Kings Mountain. A designer with Edwin Schlossberg, Inc., a New York design concern specializing in exhibitions, he graduated from the Taft School and Duke University. His father is professor of theology at the General Theological Seminar. His mother, Mary Dunbar Carpenter, is a psychologist on the staff of the Nathan S. Kline Institute of Psychiatric Research.

Miss Edmondson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Edmondson of New York and Prouts Neck, Me. She became Mr. Carpenter's bride Saturday, Feb. 16th, in a ceremony in the Chapel of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Manhattan.

The Rev. Robert Haskins, a Roman Catholic priest, assisted by the bridegroom's father, an Episcopal priest, performed the ceremony.

Lucy Coleman Edmondson was her sister's maid of honor and James Anderson Carpenter, Jr. his brother's best man.

The bride, who is keeping her name, was the engineering and design assistant for three years to the late R. Buckminster Fuller, and is writing a book about Mr. Fuller's mathematical concepts, "A Fuller Explanation" for publication in the Fall by Birkhauser, Inc. in Cambridge, Mass. She graduated from the Spence School and Harvard College and is a visiting lecturer at the University of Vermont. Her father is president of Atlantic Service Company of Brooklyn, a manufacturer of meat-cutting tools. Her mother, Mary Dillon Edmondson, is director of admissions at the Loyola School and a historian at the Spence School.

Look Back...And Forward

Black History Month, which was celebrated in February, was indeed a time to "reflect...to look back with pride at the achievements made by Black Americans...and a time to look forward with hope to the future."

As a child growing up in a Southern community I can vividly remember the white marble water fountains labeled "white" and "colored". The blacks sat in the balcony in the movie houses, weren't allowed in restaurants, in rest rooms, in fact they weren't allowed to "trespass" anywhere whites didn't want them to.

The only way a black woman could invade the white world was to be carrying a white baby in her arms. As a child I didn't understand it. As a man I am ashamed of those conditions. It all seems to senseless now.

As the war ended, and white Americans realized that they had fought side by side with blacks in the war, and Joe Louis was now a national hero, old institutions began to crumble.

Plays began to appear on Broadway, depicting the black struggle. Books were written, the Supreme Court was tested and delivered its famous decision and America would be changed forever.

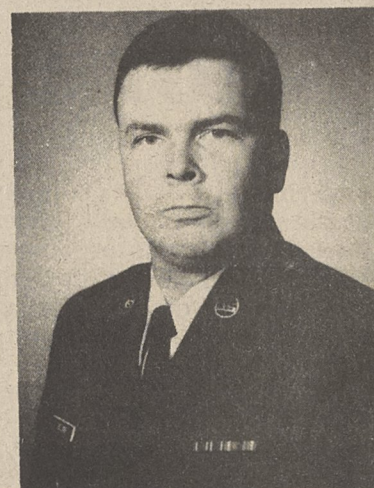
The Black Community has made tremendous contributions to life in America. Not only have they shared their great athletes and musicians, Blacks have proved they can be leaders in our communities - they have made contributions as city councilmen, mayors, congressmen.

All they needed was a chance. We whites cannot change history. We all joined in to inhibit the blacks, to penalize them, to enslave them. We cannot be proud of that. But history cannot be changed over night, mores are hard to change, institutions hard to bend.



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Dellinger Airman Of Year



MICHAEL DELLINGER

Senior Airman Michael G. Dellinger, the USO's Airman of the Year, says the award is the biggest thing to happen to him in his three year career. "It shows me people care about those of us who are doing our job overseas and that people really care about the military", he said. "I'm proud and honored to receive it."

Dellinger, son of Cherryville Police Chief Mike Dellinger and Mrs. Dellinger, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Adam McDaniel of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dellinger of Cherryville, is assigned to the office of the deputy commander for maintenance at Kadena's 18th Tactical Fighter Wing at Kadena AFB, Japan and was selected airman of the quarter in his unit twice last year and once as wing airman of the quarter. He was first runner-up twice in airman of the quarter competition in the 313th Air Division and was his unit's airman of the year in 1983.

He also was the 313th Air Division's and 5th Air Force nominee for the Air Force-wide 12 outstanding airmen of the year competition last year.

Dellinger said "anyone who wants to achieve success should strive for excellence. Go for it...but take time to honor your friends and keep the faith."

The young man, 23, who enlisted in the Air Force from his hometown of Cherryville in 1982, was among those servicemen honored by the Annual USO Service Salute at the NCO Club in Kadena, Japan recently. Outstanding servicemen from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard were honored by the USO Council of Okinawa which has singled out since 1970 military people for their devotion to duty. The USO Council is a group of local American and Japanese businessmen and friends of the USO who help the organization raise money to fund its local projects.

"The recipients of this honor are great", said USO Pacific Area Director Judy Brooks. "It's their day of honor and I still get a lump in my throat watching these young people each year. All are well-deserving of the honor."

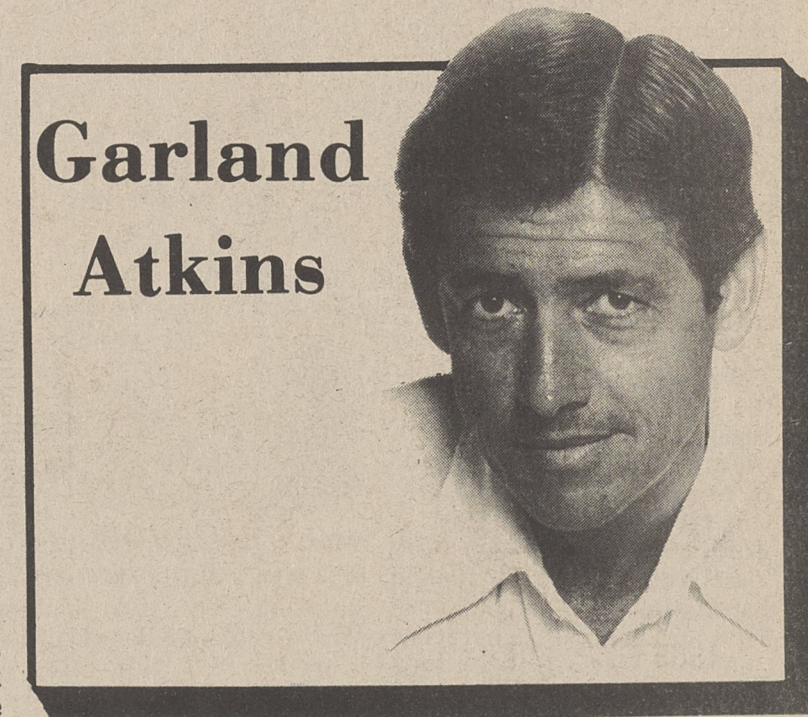
Guest speaker for the Salute this year was Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Weyand, U.S. Army Japan/IX Corps commander. Music was provided by the 296th Army Band from Camp Zama near Tokyo.

The story of the Salute was carried in the February edition of "Pacific Stars and Stripes."

Dellinger's parents and grandparents are quite proud of Airman Dellinger, who completed basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas and the Administrative Staff Support Specialist Course at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss. After his advanced training he was ordered to Okinawa where he was assigned for duty with the 18th Security Police Squadron at Kadena Air Base.

Senior Airman Dellinger is married and he and his wife, Debbie, have one child, a daughter. His outside interest include body building, jogging, fishing and auto mechanics.

Garland Atkins



I join in with other whites to congratulate our black brethren on their recent celebration. Life's struggles are too large for us to engage separately. We must look for a better life together.