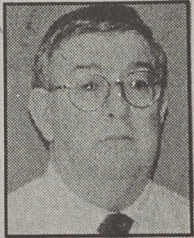


A look back at an old KM paper

Margaret Ledford recently brought by some xerox copies of articles that appeared in the Progressive Reformer on April 23, 1896.



Gary Stewart
Editor

The Progressive Reformer was published weekly in Kings Mountain by H.P. Allison, who according to an ad in the paper was a Justice of the Peace who "gives prompt attention to all business entrusted to his care...including drawing deeds, mortgages, contracts, etc., and collecting notes and accounts."

The front page of the paper stated that the issue was volume XIV indicating, if volume numbers at that time represented the same as they do today, that the paper was in its 14th year of existence. That would place it being organized in 1882 - seven years prior to the start of the Kings Mountain Herald which was born in 1889.

The paper included a lot of information on elections, land transactions and social items from as far away as Chester, SC and Maiden, NC. Many of the articles were not legible, but parts of some of them were and were very interesting, as were the few advertisements.

In addition to Allison's Justice of the Peace ad, there were two ads for livery stables and one for the new City Barber Shop which was located at R.R. Howser's Restaurant Store. J.W. Wingate was the barber.

J.B. Duncan's livery stable offered feed stock "at all times," animals for sale and animals to "convey you to any point in first class style and on fast time."

M.L. Plonk and Co.'s livery stable said "this courteous and well known livery man will meet all trains and see that your wants in his line are supplied, and that you are put in the hands of careful and polite drivers," and that "new and easy vehicles drawn by fresh, fleet horses can be furnished on call."

Another ad noted that E.P. Davis, jeweler, had located in Kings Mountain "for the purpose of repairing watches, clocks and jewelry, and solicits the patronage of our own community." His business was located in the Lugg Building next door to Cansler and Rhyne. All of his work was guaranteed for 12 months.

A new section entitled "In the Mills" noted that the Crowders Mountain Mill near Kings Mountain was putting in a new engine of 125 horsepower as a reserve power, and that Kings Mountain Manufacturing was digging a cistern which was to

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LOOKING BACK



Kings Mountain police officers were sporting new uniforms in this picture from the 1952 Herald files. The officers are, left to right, Chief S.R. "Pop" Davidson, Ed Martin, W.P. Shytte, P.A. Hawkins, Rhea Barber, Warren Ellison, W.E. Stroup, Paul Sanders, Ben Sessoms and Clarence E. Carpenter.

District representation could help heal some old wounds in county

The latest regular meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners saw the district representation issue creep closer to its own fruition or death.

A committee has been named and will be charged with first finding out if the county wants it.

The issue is whether residents want to change the method used to elect commissioners.

Currently it's an at-large method that mostly put people on the board from one or two parts of the county.

A system based on districts would allow more representation from the more rural sections of Cleveland County.

A little over ten years ago, the same issue came up, went through the state legislature and died because of no action.

A widespread unofficial reason was because two of the commissioners at the time would have to run against each other.

The fact that the committee has even been given life by the commissioners has been a huge step toward healing the deep divisions made by the school merger issue.

A huge step, yes, but not the conclusion as division can't be totally wiped out.

But it's a good start.

Other observations and ramblings:

- Creating a long hiking and biking trail, which could go from the Catawba River to the Blue Ridge Mountains is an idea which was the topic of a meeting last week in Kings Mountain. One of the pieces to that puzzle would definitely be Kings Mountain which is trying to market itself as a gateway to the three parks near the city. The meeting will be the first step in trying to get different trail and other environmental efforts coordinated.

- Looks like the greatest soap opera since Cleveland County's school merger issue has taken another twist. Black Entertainment Television Founder Robert Johnson said he would like to buy the Charlotte Hornets. But he was apparently turned down by owner George Shinn.

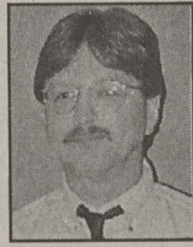
- Regardless of what the Hornets do, basketball was still at the hive last week with the men's Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament. One of the factors in tournaments picking a place is the seating capacity of the new arena. Oddly enough, the new arena plan in Charlotte would call for less seating. ACC Basketball has been here for more than 50 years, and will continue to prosper in the state regardless of what happens with a professional franchise. I don't remember combing through articles



Ben Ledbetter

Staff Writer

A flu shot will definitely be in order next year



Alan Hodge

Guest Column

As many of you fellow-sufferers out there will agree, there is nothing worse than being sick with the flu.

About a week ago I was sitting at home minding my own business when the flu-bug came calling. At first I noticed a sort of odd tickle in my esophagus near the epiglottis, sort of like a little feather was in there. In about 15 minutes the tickle got worse. Within an hour I was stretched out on the sofa, covered with two wool blankets and shaking like a leaf. Thus began what has been a very long seven days of generally feeling like...well, awful.

The type of flu that has been going around this year is particularly vile. After a few hours of alternately trembling like a wet Chihuahua and roasting as if in the very fires of Hades, the next stage in this flu is the onset of a splitting headache. Say, do you recall those aspirin commercials from many years ago when folks would try to describe how their headaches felt- "like two bull goats a hittin'," one guy said. Well, my skull felt just like I had been slammed upside the noggin with a sheet iron frying pan.

Besides the headache, fever, and chills, another symptom of the current influenza is an aching body. I dragged myself to the doctor and was first seen by a little boy who told me he was a medical student. The lad asked me where it hurt. All over quothed I. Well, where do you mean? All over my body. What part of your body? From the tips of my toenails to the ends of each strand of hair. Sheesh!

Actually the bodily aches and pains make you feel as if you have been dragged down a long stretch of poorly maintained railroad track. After that, you may perhaps feel as if you have been stomped by a large, yellow mule or tossed out of a rapidly speeding car onto the roadbed.

Another phase in my brand of flu is perhaps the worst of all. This is the most nagging, persistent, wicked, gut-wrenching cough you can imagine.

The coughing spells start out slowly, then increase in tempo, frequency and volume until you are practically screaming out baw-haw-haw with all your might. All the while your eyes are

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YOUR VIEW

New high school in works in '63

Excerpts from the Thursday, March 14, 1963 edition of the Kings Mountain Herald:

- Architects for the new Kings Mountain district high school have informed school officials they expect to show them preliminary plans for the new plan at Monday night's meeting of the board of education, Supt. B.N. Barnes said Wednesday. Supt. Barnes conferred with the architects on Monday, on Tuesday visited Rutherford County's new East High School in an effort to get additional information on desirable room sizes and other data.

- Though legislation is yet to be introduced, there is a strong likelihood that North Carolina citizens may get the opportunity to approve or disapprove a \$100 million state bond issue for local school construction. That is the opinion of B.N. Barnes, Kings Mountain superintendent of schools, following a two-day meeting in Raleigh as Southwestern NCEA district member of the state schools' superintendents policy committee.

- Mayor Kelly Dixon is seeking re-election to a second term. The mayor filed his candidacy and paid the filing fee Wednesday Morning.

- Harry Jaynes, Kings Mountain High School principal, has been elected vice-president of the Southwestern district of the North Carolina Education Association.

- Corbett Nicholson, former city gas superintendent, has been re-elected captain of the Cleveland County Life Saving and Rescue Squad.

- The Kings Mountain Junior Woman's Club has made a donation of \$150 on a new heart machine, a defibrillator, for Kings Mountain Hospital. Hospital Administrator Grady Howard said the machine is designed to treat cardiac stand stills and ventricular fibrillation simultaneously, both internal and external.

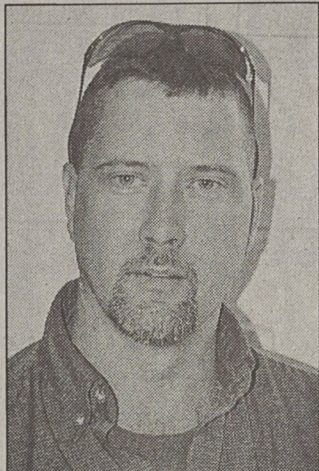
- Contributions to the Kings Mountain Heart Fund increased to \$2,728 this week, Chairman L.E. "Josh" Hinnant reported. Mr. Hinnant said additional pledges of donations are in hand and he hopes to the final report will show a total of at least \$3,000.

- Directors of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce have initiated plans to expand broadly the scope and work of the organization. Specifically, the Chamber of Commerce Board adopted plans to raise a \$10,000 annual budget, to set up an office, and to employ an executive secretary.

SIDEWALK SURVEY

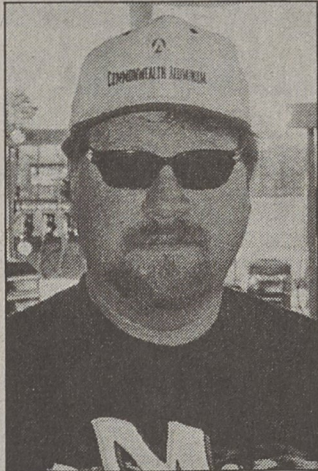
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What did you think about the Georgia crematory situation?



Pretty bad. I just can't see people doing it to other people

"Bones" Mitchell
Lincolnton



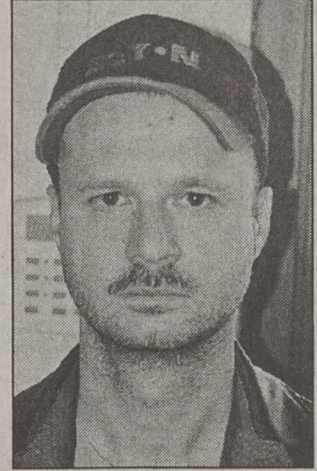
I think that the man should be held accountable for every single person, every single family that he did that to.

Shane Burton
Kings Mountain



I think the man had a mental thing because it would be a whole lot easier to cremate the people instead of burying the bodies.

Junior Pryor
Kings Mountain



If what I heard is true, it's really lame.

Barry Faile
Kings Mountain



It's sick. It doesn't make any sense.

Lucinda Williams
Kings Mountain

Got a question you'd like to submit to Sidewalk Survey? Send your question by mail to us here at The Herald. If we use your question, we'll give you the credit.