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Roamin' Around Town



With

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(Ingredients: There will be bits of news, very little wisdom, some humor and comments, some views from other editors. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but please avoid an overdose.)

Don't forget that school just started and some youngsters will be walking and riding bikes to school. So drive carefully when passing these school children.

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The teacher should have explained the Intercom System. This actually happened the first day of school in a local elementary class. The teacher had to leave the room for a few minutes of his kindergarten class to visit the principals' office. He informed his class to be quiet and remain in their seats while he was gone. After staying in the principals office longer than expected he decided to tune in on the Intercom and see if his class were following his instructions. He switched it on and they were having a ball. The teacher announced over the system "Children quieten down and Johnny, get in your seat. (He had been given advance notice that Johnny would be the class clown) A minute later he listened in again to see if they had followed his instructions. Things were a little better, but not much. So he made this announcement... "Children, be quiet and Johnny are you in your seat?" He got this reply as Johnny was looking upward and with a look of dismay said "Yes Lord Jesus."

"D"

Congratulations to Mark O'Brien on earning his Eagle Scout Award. It takes an unusual type person to earn this high award and not many scouts make it. Congratulations again Mark.

(To comment in this column, write Roamin' Around Town, P.O. Box 752, or give me a call at 739-7496.)

Bumgardner Wins

Football Contest

Jim Bumgardner of Kings Mountain picked some upsets to win the Herald's second "Pick the Winners" football contest.

Bumgardner hit 17 of 20 area high school and college games last week to win the \$75 prize. Several others missed just four games.

Bumgardner correctly predicted a number of upsets, including Wake Forest over Georgia, Mars Hill over Elon and Presbyterian over Furman.

The third contest is inside today's Herald. List the winners and return your entry to us by noon Friday. You may mail it to Football Contest, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain 28086; or bring it by our office at 431 N. Piedmont.

KM Man To Be Tried On Murder Charge

A second degree murder charge against Burman Coley Bryant of Kings Mountain is slated to be tried next week in Cleveland County Superior Court.

Bryant is charged with murdering William David (Billy) Foster at his home on Stowe Acres in May.

Two other charges involving Kings Mountain men are slated to be tried during the one-week term beginning Monday. Armando Lopez is charged with felonious breaking and entering of Parker's Amaco Station and Ronnie Holbrook is charged with Common Law Robbery of The Pantry on East King Street.

To Boost 1980 United Way Campaign

Hal England Returns Home



Photo by Charles Mauney

UNITED WAY KICK-OFF—Rev. Bob Boggan, left, president of the Kings Mountain United Way, and Harold England, actor and native of Kings Mountain, are pictured at a United Way reception honoring England at City Hall. KM United Way will officially kick-off the campaign at a luncheon tomorrow at Central Methodist Church.

Pete Gerns Speaks At Rotary Club

Rotary's philosophy, "Service of Self", remains the same since its inception in 1906 and is practiced by 150,000 Rotarians in 152 countries, said District 31-C Rotary Governor Pete Gerns, Charlotte lawyer.

Mr. Gerns was the featured speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain club and prior to the meeting held working conferences with officers on goals for the 1980 year.

He also took the occasion to present a banner to the club, representing at least \$15 per member contribution to the organization's extensive "Health, Hunger, Humanity" program in which children all over the world are helped with particular emphasis in the Philippines, where children have no chance to survive without inoculation.

Gerns commended the club for attaining a 400 percent plateau in giving to the Rotary Foundation, a total of \$40 per member, and congratulated them on several community projects, including the successful Rotary Run, golf championship games and pancake supper. He commended them for sponsoring youth people at Rotary camps and supporting a "matched" club in Brazil.

"Commitment to ideals is what clubs like yours are all about," said Gerns.

District 31-C has a membership of 48 clubs with 3,200 members.

During the golden anniversary year of the Rotary Club, in 1980, Mr. Gerns said he expects to see clubs like Kings Mountain sponsor exchange teams to Korea and send local students to Brazil in continuing programs of friendship between the two countries.

Governor Gerns asked the local club to concentrate on a 60-day new member campaign and encourage more participation from the community.

HOT DOG SUPPER

The Kings Mountain High French Club will sponsor a hot dog supper-bake sale Friday prior to the KM-East Gaston football game. It will be held from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Orders can be eaten in or taken out.

Actor Hal England, Kings Mountain native, returned home Wednesday to boost the 1980 United Way campaign.

The kick-off luncheon at noon tomorrow at Central United Methodist Church will officially launch efforts by United Fund workers for a \$55,000 goal, up \$5,000 from last year's successful appeal.

England co-stars with Mickey Rooney in this year's United Way motion picture, "A Little Miracle," which is being used nationally to promote the United Way.

The 15-minute film, which was shown during England's visit with local United Way volunteers and officers at City Hall Wednesday afternoon, is the story of a factory worker, Joe (played by England) who discovers the United Way through an angel, Clarence Potter, portrayed by Rooney. Clarence, who had already botched two miracles, was sent by the Angel Gabriel down to earth to hear Joe Nolan's request for a miracle for his family and to teach him the valuable lesson that "life is what you make it," and incidentally the theme song by Johnny Mathis. It was the angel's duty to help "Joe" believe in the good in people.

England, who spoke briefly after the afternoon reception, said he learned about the United Way at a

Chicago factory, where scenes for the movie were filmed. England was being instructed on a machine by a workman who became belligerent when he learned that England was being paid "scale", the lowest wage the union will allow. "You should be working for nothing," said the factory worker, noting that he was donating a day's pay.

"This man's attitude really impressed me," said England. "An actor's role is usually egotistical and selfish. Rarely do we have a chance to get in a realistic world outside television. This guy told me to work on another machine and was sincere in his beliefs. I had worked in a cotton mill in Kings Mountain when I was growing up, but I had never seen anything like the heavy equipment in that factory. I began to realize how truly important the United Way was to this man."

Scenes from the film were also shot at a day care center, where England also learned about some of the services the United Way provides to children.

"I have learned a lot about the United Way since we started making the film," said England, who also addressed a kick-off luncheon for Gaston County United Way Wednesday where excerpts of the film were shown.

Kings Mountain United Way President Bob Boggan, who in-

roduced the film and England, said that "United Fund is a way in which we can be involved in helping make a little miracle happen."

Declaring that television is his "bread and butter," England has been traveling with Mike Starr, of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston Salem, across the state to promote the film. Local people recognize England as "your personal banker from Wachovia" and recall his earlier roles on television as the young Doble Gillis. More recently, England played the role of Lou Grant's son-in-law on that series and appeared in Charlie's Angels, among others.

"My whole life is here in this town," said England, who said he is quite proud to be from Kings Mountain and coming home is "like walking back in time. You're all my friends. I love all of you."

England, who left Kings Mountain in 1954, is son of Mrs. W.F. England, now of Hollywood, Calif. He returns to Kings Mountain as often as possible to visit aunts and other relatives.

NEWS BRIEFS

MEETING

Kings Mountain Celebrations meeting will be held at Park Headquarters this Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 18. Dr. J.N. Lipscomb is chairman.

ATTENDS MEETING

Janet Alexander attended the Kappa Epsilon Pharmacy Fraternity National Convention, Aug. 8-11, at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. She is a member of Lambda Chapter at the University of North Carolina and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Alexander of Kings Mountain.

CHORAL SOCIETY

The new Genesis Choral Society of Cleveland County will hold an organizational meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Malcolm Brown Auditorium in the choral room turntable. Membership is open to the public from 11th grade age and up and there are no audition requirements. The Choir will present Christmas and spring concerts.

REVIVAL CONTINUES

Revival services continue tonight and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church. Rev. G.K. Andrews of Randleman, N.C., is the guest evangelist. Rev. Leroy Cox, pastor, invites the community to attend.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young At Heart of Bethlehem Baptist Church will meet for a luncheon meeting tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Program will feature a slide presentation by R.G. Whisman on a recent trip to Mexico.

DEACONS ELECT

Paul Lancaster has been elected chairman, Miles Scism, vice-chairman, and Charles Spearman, secretary, of deacons of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

EXPLORER POST

Journalism Explorer Post 427 will hold its initial meeting of the school year Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Daily Star building in Shelby. New members, who have completed the eighth grade and not attained birthday 22, are invited to join the group. For more information call Lynn Shelton at 487-0827.

Dr. W. J. (Bill) Briggs

KM Native Named Limestone President

Dr. William J. (Bill) Briggs, who has been administrative head of Limestone College since May 9, 1979, was named President by the Limestone College Board of Trustees, Thursday morning.

Dr. Briggs was director of development and alumni affairs of the 1,124 student, independent, coeducational college, a position he held for two years prior to becoming the administrative head.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Briggs of Kings Mountain.

The 44-year-old president is a native of Lincolnton, and attended Kings Mountain Schools. He received a B.S. degree from Pfeiffer College, and M.A. degree from Western Carolina University, and pursued post-graduate studies at Michigan State University. He received a Doctor of Education degree from Nova University in May 1979. Nova University features nationally known graduate level programs. Many institutes of higher learning are consulting with Nova in an effort to develop similar programs.



DR. BILL BRIGGS

Before coming to Limestone, Dr. Briggs was coordinator of Development at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs. He has

served as dean of students and associate professor of Education at Pfeiffer College and assistant principal of Hunter Huss High School in Gastonia.

He is married to the former Joyce Jenkins of Gastonia, and they have two children, Julie, a senior at Limestone College, and Bill, a senior at Gaffney High School.

In making the announcement of Dr. Briggs' appointment, Mrs. W.B. Camp, Chairman of the Limestone College Board of Trustees stated, "Limestone College, has been dedicated to education and its mission of excellence in the field of higher education. The college was pleased to promote from within its own ranks and delighted that we have within our ranks an educator dedicated to the Christian way of life, and the fact that Limestone is a Christian school as established by its founder, Dr. Thomas Curtis, and his son, Dr. William Curtis, co-founder. Dr. Briggs is going to provide the type of leadership that Limestone must have, and all members of the Board are happy to have him as president."

Paul Hord, Harold Lineberger File For KM Board Of Education Seat

A race for a six-year term on the outside-district seat on the Kings Mountain Board of Education developed Friday when Paul A. Hord, Jr. and Harold R. Lineberger filed their notice of candidacy with the Cleveland County Board of Elections.

Hord, 43, owner and operator of Paul's Seafood, and Lineberger, 48, farmer and fruitgrower, seek the seat now held by Board Chairman Alex Owens, who said he will not seek re-election.

The filing period for candidates ends at noon Oct. 5. The voter registration deadline is 5 p.m. Oct. 8 for new registrations or for citizens to change addresses, said Elections Board Secretary Gay Champion.

Kings Mountain area citizens will also be interested in the municipal election at Grover where town

voters will elect a mayor and five councilmen at the polls Nov. 6. In Grover, three incumbent council members, Martha Byers, Harold Herndon and Tommy Keeter, are up for re-election, but voters will be choosing five council members, result of an ordinance in which approval has been given to increasing membership on the board. Mayor W.W. (Bill) McCarter, veteran of 20 plus years on the Council and re-elected in a write-in vote two years ago, is up again for election this year. None of the incumbents have filed.

Lineberger, who harvests peaches, grapes and strawberries on Cherryville Rd., is a former assistant publications editor for Agricultural Information Office at N.C. State University and was formerly an assistant agricultural

extension agent in Wadesboro. His family was cited in 1978 as first runnerup in the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation District Farm Family of the Year. His wife is a Cherryville Junior High teacher and they are parents of three children, Barry, a freshman at N.C. State University; Jeff, a junior at KMSHS, and Lee-Ann, an eighth grader at KMJH. He is a graduate of NCSU and active in Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Hord is a Kings Mountain native who was educated in KM schools. His wife, Joyce, is manager of the KMSHS cafeteria and they are parents of three children, Randy Hord, Mrs. Kenny Falls and Kim Hord, fourth grader at East School. He is a deacon, Sunday School teacher and RA counselor at Oakview Baptist Church and a volunteer parent teacher's aid at West School.