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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Fair good for community

While the Bethware Fair opened for its 33rd season last Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday were the big days.

Presentation of a "Fair" of any size and description is a sizeable undertaking and the past Bethware Fairs have been most interesting and highly successful, improving in size and quality as the years go by. The ever-increasing changes in agricultural products and industry in this area has always been

reflected in the Bethware Fair, which was sponsored again this season by the hardworking members of the Bethware Progressive Club.

The Fair has become an interesting prelude to the annual Cleveland County Fair, the nation's biggest County Fair. This year's edition of the Bethware Fair was no exception. It's a good community endeavor and attracts young and old alike.

Support outdoor drama

The opening date of "Then Conquer We Must" is now just a step away, and citizens throughout North Carolina and neighboring states are anxious to see the production.

The City of Kings Mountain steering committee for the 200th Celebration and Limestone College cut for itself a big job on the production of this out-

door drama, which was first written by Robert Osborne and presented in 1951, and adapted for this presentation by Thomas McIntyre. Many people have worked long and hard and our guess is that the anticipated crowds which will see the production will not be disappointed. Tickets are available at the Bicentennial Headquarters downtown in the old First Union Bank Building.

Reader Dialogue

Public records are open to everyone

Dear Sir:
As to the various statements made about the Association of Cleveland County Taxpayers requesting a copy of the budget, I would like for the

taxpayers of Cleveland County to know exactly what the North Carolina General Statutes (LAW) says regarding public records:

SECTION 132-1, PUBLIC RECORDS DEFINED - Public records comprise all written or printed books, papers, letters, documents and maps made and received in pursuance of law by the public offices of the State and its counties, municipalities and other subdivisions of government in the transaction of public business.

Since the budget is drawn up to comply with other State laws, can't we see that the budget is a public record?

SECTION 132-6, INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION OF RECORDS - Every Person having custody of public records shall permit them to be inspected and examined at reasonable times and under his supervision by any person, and he shall furnish certified copies thereof on payment of fees as prescribed by law.

I have personally asked Mr. Hendricks on one occasion and his secretary on another for a copy of the budget and offered to pay for it, and they refused. (Their rate is .25¢ a page for anything they will give you a copy of.)

As a taxpayer in Cleveland County, I ask you to decide for yourself, based on the above stated laws, whether or not the Cleveland County Commissioners and their hired officials are breaking the state laws of North Carolina. What's even worse, are they going to get away with it?

Martha E. Scism
Treasurer,
Association of Cleveland County Taxpayers

Many thanks for ballgame

TO THE EDITOR:
Many thanks is extended to Coaches Jim Wiles (Head) and Tommy Gaitner (Asst.), and players of both the Gardner Webb Bulldogs, George Adams, Athletic Director, and the Kings Mountain Area Allstars.

For a first time affair the game was well attended (Approx. 150 people), considering the football and baseball seasons are still in progress.

The game provided plenty of fast action and excitement for the fans while netting approximately (\$78.00) towards the weight machine. We are well off the mark for purchase at this point, but future fund raising efforts are planned. Our goal is to raise at least \$1,500.00, which is about half the cost of the machine we are looking at.

Sincere thanks to the spectators who supported the game and the news media for their fine publicity efforts.

If any individuals, clubs, etc., are interested in helping in the fund raising efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department, we invite you to call our office at 739-6995.

Mike Nappi
Supt. of Parks and Recreation



Poets Corner

The Moon And Night Were Made For Each Other

The Moon flirts with the night and sheds soft light
Around ever move she makes,
Stars twinkle and shine and wink at each other
the moonbeams are wide awake.

The Moon smiles down with a halo around
inviting the night to look up,
to return the gaze and give fair praise
for the beauty that fills the cup.

The Moon flirts with the night when the day is quiet
When the sun has gone down to rest,
To cheer up the night and make things bright
the faithful moon beams the best.

The Moon never sleeps when shadows creep
vitalized by the charm of night,
the night in return holds on until dawn
Together they make it alright.

Vivian S. Biltcliffe

LOOKING BACK

Joe R. Hendrick of Shelby assumed the duties of city clerk Monday morning.

Kings Mountain district board of school trustees adopted the 1951-52 budget totaling \$274,848.86 at the regular monthly meeting held Monday night.

Social and Personal

Miss Iva Lingerfelt, bride-elect of the week, was the inspiration for a lovely party and show on Wednesday night given by Mrs. Roy Miller and Mrs. Fred Kiser at the home of the former.

Robert(Bob) Martin has enrolled as a student at N. C. State College.

Feet still hurt, but Florida was great

My feet still hurt but I wouldn't have missed Disney World and Arlene(Mrs. J. D.)Barrett and I found this the best season of the year to see this tourist attraction in Orlando, Fla. which draws thousands daily to view its sights and spectacular, imaginative exhibits which appeal to the young and young-at-heart.

The lines were not long and we were able to see in nine hours what would usually take two days of walking and standing, according to our friends, Louise and Ed Early, former Kings Mountain citizens, who have called Orlando home for over 20 years. We were guests of Mr. Early (his KM friends know him by "Ed" but his Florida friends call him "Paul") at Disney World, where Ed is employed.

Although school is underway in most area, there were school children among the 85,000-100,000 people in the crowds. Ed Early said the crowd on last Monday was "small" in comparison to the busy days of summer. There are many "free" attractions which are excellent and many of the shows are included in the general admission ticket. We especially liked "It's a Small World", hundreds of singing dancing international dolls on the happiest cruise that ever sailed, "The Micky Mouse Revue", Walt Disney characters which came to life in a musical fantasy, "The Hall of Presidents, a dramatic presentation of our nation's history as all the American presidents came to life on stage. "The Haunted Mansion", where happy ghosts and ghouls paraded as we sailed through a frightfully funny adventure, "Country Bear Jamboree," in which a hilarious cast of wilderness bears perform in a foot-stompin western hoedown, and sailed through pirate strongholds with a crew on "Pirates of the Caribbean", among others. Walt Disney uses adventure, fantasy, and a vivid imagination to capture a world of Adventureland, Frontierland, Fantasyland, Liberty Square and Tomorrow Land in a Magic Kingdom. All the Walt Disney characters dress up for a big parade at least twice a day on Main Street U. S. A. There are two resort hotels located in Walt Disney Village, which adjoins this tremendous playground of the world, as well as the resort community of Lake Buena Vista which features a shopping area, including 25 water side shops, and elegant dining aboard the Empress Lily riverboat restaurant.

Families would also enjoy Sea World, the world's largest marine life park, which is nearby, Florida Festival, where you can enjoy Florida's finest



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seafood and shop in Florida's most unique marketplace, a pageant of more than 40 restaurants and shops filled to the brim with food and merchandise gathered from all over the sunshine state.

Arlene and I attended a regional American Legion Auxiliary conference in Orlando, which ended Sunday, toured in Orlando and visited in St. Augustine, Fla. Gail (Mrs. Gary) Bryant made the trip with us as far as St. Augustine, where she stayed to visit friends, and on Wednesday enroute home we all toured the nation's oldest city and got rejuvenated at Ponce de Leon's "Fountain of youth" which is a tourist spot there. History buffs will love St. Augustine, which boasts the oldest schoolhouse in the U. S., oldest church, ect. The Oldest Schoolhouse was constructed during the Spanish Occupation and local teachers would be quite interested in the 1872 Rules For Teachers which read: Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and scuttle of coal for the days session. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly. After ten hours in school the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed. Every teacher should lay aside from each day pay a sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool halls or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity, and honesty. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 25 cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves. How times have changed.

Dean Costas will fulfill great-great grandfather's request

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time twenty seven years old, three months and five days. Yours respectfully, J.L. Hicks."

Included on the program were a national salute at sunrise, review of all troops, procession to the grand stand at 11:30 a.m., prayer by Rev. William Martin, singing of the lyric written for the occasion by Mrs. Clara Dargan McLean of Yorkville, S.C., and music by Prof. E.W. Lineback of Salem, N.C., reading of the ode written for the occasion by Paul H. Hayne Esq. and read by Col. Charles C. Jones of Augusta, Ga., music, oration by Hon. John W. Daniel of Lynchburg, Va., unveiling of the monument by four young ladies representing Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, assisted by the respective governors of those states, dress parade of troops at 5 p.m. and a pyrotechnic display at 8 p.m.

The letter, program and flag are now the property of the proud young Dean Costas. They have yellowed from age, but are still clear and easily readable.

He plans to carry out his great-great grandfather's wishes and come to Kings Mountain on October 7 to participate in the Bicentennial Celebration. He will save a program and other souvenirs of the occasion, write a letter as Mr. Hicks did, and have the momentos passed down through future generations until 2080.

Dean was the obvious person to receive the souvenirs after his grandmother's death. The two of them shared a great love for history, and especially the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Barnes was a Kings Mountain native and once taught at Kings Mountain High School. At the time of her death, she had recently retired as a teacher in the Alamance County School System.

"My mother was a real Battle of Kings Mountain enthusiast," said Mrs. Costas, also a Kings Mountain native and now an employee of the Gaston County Department of Social Services.

"She did a lot of research on the battle, and she and Dean shared that love for the battle and the battleground. After mother died, my father (Carroll E. Barnes)



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thought that if anybody should have the papers, it should be Dean."

Mrs. Barnes, who lived in the area behind First Presbyterian Church before moving to the Burlington area, had been in good health until shortly before her death and was planning to return to Kings Mountain for the celebration.

"She was looking forward to coming back home," Mrs. Costas said, "and carrying out her grandfather's wishes. We never thought she wouldn't be here."

Dean, a junior at Ashbrook High School, always looked forward to his grandmother's visits.

"We went to the battleground often," he said. "When I was little, we'd walk along the trails and she would explain things to me as we walked. She probably knew more about the Battle of Kings Mountain than the people who work down at the park. She was interested in the Revolutionary and Civil War. She'd visit us several times a year, and we'd always go to the battleground."

"She'd read me things about the battle the night before," Dean added, "so I'd have a better understanding of it."

"Mother helped foster Dean's love for history," Mrs. Costas said.

"She had a number of commemorative items," Dean said. "I remember, especially, two Revolutionary War muskets that she said were from Kings Mountain."

Mrs. Barnes was a direct descendant of Col. Frederick Hambright, and, Dean said, one soldier on the British side.

said Dean. "He wasn't as well-remembered as Col. Hambright, because when I was young I was ashamed to tell people that he fought for the British."

The Summitt family operated Summitt's New Way Store on Railroad Avenue for 30 years.

Annie Laura Summitt, Mrs. Barnes' sister and now a resident of Charlotte, flashes a broad smile when she remembers her early years in Kings Mountain.

"Barbara and I were in the minuet at the high school the day President Hoover was here," she said. "We sat down on Mountain Street when President Hoover rode by in the parade and we went down to the battleground and heard him speak there."

Ms. Summitt hopes to return to Kings Mountain for the Bicentennial, and hopes President Carter will accept the invitation to speak.

"At the time Hoover came, people had respect for anybody that held public office, so it was real exciting. I was a lot more impressed with seeing Hoover than I would be in seeing Carter."

The discovery of his great-great grandfather's papers impressed on Dean the importance of keeping historical celebrations alive for future generations.

Although he never met J.L. Hicks, he shares his love for the Battle of Kings Mountain.

After the Bicentennial, Dean plans to frame the Hicks souvenirs and display them proudly in his home. He also plans to store his souvenirs of the 1980 celebration in a safe place and hope that in the year 2080, his great-great grandson can share some of his feelings.