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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Give to the needy

Kings Mountain area citizens are invited again to help provide Christmas cheer to the less fortunate.

Kings Mountain Ministerial Association is asking contributions to its Helping Hand Fund to provide Christmas cheer, not only at this season but at all seasons with fuel, staple food items, and clothing.

Kings Mountain Fire Department are looking for good, used toys which they can repair and distribute to the area needy on Christmas Eve.

There are projects for the needy being conducted by virtually all churches in the area.

Clipped from Bethlehem Baptist Church's recent "The Scroll" are these timely Guidelines for a Christian Christmas.

"Be thoughtful of others at Christmas," a note to the lonely, a kind word to a harassed worker, a special concern for your own family.

Praise God at Christmas. Join the angels and

shepherds in glorifying God. Sing and listen to beautiful music.

Help the needy at Christmas. Follow the example of Jesus who met our desperate need when we were without merit.

Stay calm at Christmas. Control your activities and schedules so that there is time for meditation and calm reflection.

Keep in mind the greatest gift, Jesus Christ our Saviour, when buying, giving or receiving gifts. Give and receive in love.

Show others that you belong to Jesus. At Christmas parties and social gatherings, let your words and actions glorify Him.

Be joyful at Christmas. You are celebrating the greatest event in the history of the world - and it changed your life."



REPAIR TOYS - Kings Mountain firemen Bud Ware, Pete Peterson and Rick Witherspoon (left to right) repair some toys which will be distributed to needy children in the area at Christmas. The fire department annually serves the needy through its Toys For Tots pro-

gram. More toys are needed and can be brought by the fire department, or firemen will pick them up if you call 739-2552. Bicycles are a big need. The firemen usually distribute around 40 bikes but have received only five this year.

Reader Dialogue

Thanks for support

To the editor:

The North School PTA would like to take this opportunity to salute our merchants for their support in giving of their time, help and donations in making our community fall festival a big success.

We know that every year they are asked over and over to give to the schools and community activities free donations or merchandise to raise money. They always come through and never say no. They give us all of their support and we as a caring community should in turn give them our support. We would like to say "thank you" to the following merchants and any others that we may have overlooked:

Revco, Fay's Drug, Sales Knit Outlet, Harper's Pharmacy, Plonk's Department Store, Bridges Hardware, Phifer Hardware, Timms Furniture, McGinnis Furniture, Kings Mountain Farm Center, Sterchi Brothers, Cornwell Drug, McGinnis Department Store, Eagles Dime Store, Willie's Jewelry, Dellinger's Jewelry, Fulton's, Griffin Drug, Kings Mtn. Office Supply, Sample Yardage, Eckerd Drugs, Kings Mtn. Animal Hospital, First Union National Bank, First Citizens, Allen's Flower Shop, Pizza Hut, Hardees, Mauney Hosiery, Wiener King, Family Dollar, Goforth Plumbing, Western Auto, City Auto, Bridges Auto, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Cattelown, Cooper Furniture, Jerry Nation Chevrolet, Modern Day Cleaners, Robin's of Dixie Village, McDonald's of Kings Mountain and Gastonia, Burger King of Shelby, Pauline Store, Smith's Grocery, Putnam Hosiery, Mtn. View Farms, Lutz Orchards of Belwood, Winn Dixie, Frito Lays (Carl Armstrong), Lance Co., First Federal Savings and Loan, Butler Refrigeration Co., Kings Mountain Herald, Southern Excavating, Scism General Store, Mac's Grovery, Community Grocery, Anvil Knitwear Inc., Coca-Cola Bottling Co., (Phillip Boger and Robert Parker), The City of Kings Mtn. Public Works Dept., Kings Mtn. District Schools Administration, Quick Stop-Highway 74, TG&Y and John Mitchell Sign Co.

We would like to say "thank you" to the people in the community who came out on November 15 and supported our fall festival. To the following people who gave of their time and talents in making it a great success:

Holly Dellinger, Terri Plonk, Jane Campbell, students of Jane's Dance Academy, The Swinging Mountaineers and Mr. and Mrs. Gussie Bolton, Temple Baptist Church youth, Gina Bell, Janet Homesley, Jeff Gladen, Jimmy Merritt, Mrs. Nan Jean Grant, Sarah Faunce, Melanie Herndon, Troy Homesley, The Leonard McSwain Blue Grass Band, Robert Gill, Judy Stroud, Bonnie Bryson, Ramona Burris, Judy Scism, Lib Stewart and Brenda Brown.

Mickey Corry, PTA President
Jackie Scism, Sarah Shaw and Eleanor Scism
Co-Chairmen of the Fall Festival

Thanks, React

Dear Editors,
We want to take this opportunity to personally thank the React Team, Eugene Lefevers, Ross Lefevers, and Gail McDaniel for taking their time out and helping our family while my husband was disabled by putting gas in our home, so we can eat and keep warm.

We are very fortunate to have a team like this in Kings Mountain. Again, we appreciate your services for us and our two little boys.

MR. AND MRS. BILL WEST AND FAMILY



GARY STEWART Some corny short stories ...

Short stories: Some funny, some not, some boring:

I KNOW HE'S THE HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER. BUT ...

This story was told on South Carolina football coach Jim Carlen when he was trying to recruit Georgia's super-talented freshman running back Hershel Walker.

It was said Carlen scheduled a visit to Walker's home and took along with him George Rogers, his All-American runner who last week was awarded the Heisman Trophy.

"Hershel, wouldn't you like to play in the same backfield with George Rogers?" Carlen asked. "Yeah, that'd be alright, I guess," said Walker, "but can he block?"

SOME PEOPLE AIN'T GOT SENSE ENOUGH TO GET IN OUT OF THE RAIN ...

The wife, kids and I were driving to the in-laws for Thanksgiving dinner and saw a not-so-bright Kings Mountain man jogging in the pouring rain.

David Hughes and I were in Long Beach, N.C., a couple of weeks ago and were driving out past a golf course and saw a bunch of nuts playing golf in the rain.

We were on our way fishing.

I'M GONNA NEED AN OCEAN OF CALOMINE LOTION ...

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't catch poison ivy in the winter time. The leaves may not be green, but the stuff's still alive.

David Hughes, my father George Stewart, and I were cutting firewood last Saturday.

Anyone who knows my association with poison ivy can tell you that I'm the easiest person in the world to catch it. I can get within 10 yards of it and it'll jump all over me.

Well, after a couple hours of cutting and splitting wood, you have to sit down and rest for a bit.

Sunday, I started itching and by that night, I knew I shouldn't have sat down on the log that had a strip of poison on it.

But, the worst thing about it all was trying to explain to Dr. Charles Adams how I happened to get it in that particular place.

WHO'S JERRY TUCKER AND WHY IS HE KEEPING ME AWAKE ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT?...

I was riding up Highway 74 the other day and noticed the sign "Welcome Home Jerry Tucker" at Cattelown U.S.A.

I had to go to McGill Clinic to get a shot for the stuff mentioned above, so I asked Louise Tucker where her husband Jerry had been.

Nowhere, she said, and neither had her son, Jerry Jr. (Tucky), but her phone had been ringing off the hook since Thanksgiving when the "Welcome Home Jerry Tucker" sign was posted at the steakhouse.

As it turned out, she learned from Cattelown that a youngster, Jerry Tucker, had been away in a hospital and was back home recovering.

Five simple means of controlling tension ...

I don't know why I dreamed up a piece like this, here in the joyful Christmas season, but I suspect it was because of pocketbook tension, the ever-present wondering if the pocketbook will hold out through the rigors of the Santa Claus season.

It's the time of year for about everybody to have that kind of tension.

Actually the impetus for these remarks came from an item which came in the mail, in which five simple means to easing tensions were listed. I haven't tried them yet, but it looks like a good idea.

- Inhale deeply; exhale slowly; then draw in your stomach muscles and repeat.
- Try to recall the names and faces of all your high school classmates.
- Go out and take a stroll around the block.
- Recall a funny episode or experience and try to see it as a short mental movie.
- Plan next year's vacation in great detail - including wardrobe, transportation and amusements.

Another tension producer these days is the automobile, and I hesitate to comment at length about my vintage wheels. It would be nice to place a car at the top of my Christmas list, to me from me,



Lib Stewart

but I won't give Santa that added worry.

Generally speaking, it is also human nature to assume that today's tensions, whatever they may accrue from, are more tense than those of former years. Every age probably has regarded youth as "flaming," disaster as imminent, etc. It is undoubtedly the same in grandpa's day.

Kings Mountain merchants have all the answers on their shelves for what to give those on your Christmas list. "Leave the worry to us and come see us," they say, as stores are decked for the holiday with glitter and with gift pleasers for the whole family.



Poets Corner

POSITIVE THINKING

Tell yourself you're happy
And believe what you say,
Nine times out of ten,
You will know a happy day.

Tell yourself you're lovely
Tell yourself something good,
If this doesn't brighten your world
I don't know why; it should!

Tell yourself you adore
being who you are,
thoughts can hold you back
or thoughts can carry you far.

Treat yourself very good
like you would your best friend,
There is power in your thoughts
Thoughts can help you mend.

Whatever the state of the mind
May be up to you to choose,
Tell yourself you're a winner
What have you to lose!
Vivian S. Biltcliffe

LOOKING BACK

(From The Dec. 5, 1952 Edition of
The Kings Mountain Herald)

Santa Claus comes to town Thursday for his annual pre-Christmas visit and as a principal feature of the annual Christmas opening celebration of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

The Kings Mountain Lions Club will honor members of the 1952 football team Tuesday night at the annual Lions Club banquet with Coach Bill Dole of Davidson College scheduled to handle the speaking duties.

Social and Personal

Second Baptist Church was the setting Wednesday, Dec. 3, for the wedding of Miss Norma Sue Bridges and John R. Phifer.

Mrs. O.P. Lewis entertained members of the Home Arts Club at her home Tuesday afternoon.