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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
Kings Mountain Herald
Kings Mountain, N. C.

Dear Editor:

When I decided to state my opposition to fluoridation of our water supply, I predicted to several of my close friends that before the issue was settled that I would be subjected to personal attacks, or smeared, by some who had little knowledge of the issue, and who would, instead, try to sway public opinion toward their cause by downgrading the opposition. This will probably open the door to their attacks again, but this is to be expected. So fire away!

The question has been asked how much I know about fluoridation, and how did I come by my knowledge. My opposition is not politically inspired. I have no intention of running for any public office, and especially not on the city commission. The present commission is the most capable we have ever had, and I would hate to make it less capable by becoming a member. Besides, it's too hot for me.

My opposition to fluoridation is based on my knowledge and experience in two areas which are surprisingly enough, related to the question of fluorides in the water supply. These areas are WATER TREATMENT and PEST CONTROL. I wonder how many of those who are working for and recommending fluoridation have this experience?

In 1958, I was treated to an expense-paid trip to Fort Bragg, courtesy of Uncle Sam, while in the National Guard. During the two weeks summer camp, I was sent to Water Supply School. This consisted of about forty hours of classroom instruction and field practice in setting up a water purification station. During the second week, we set up our station, pumped water out of a muddy lake, filtered, treated, and pur-

ified the drinking and cooking water for hundreds of Guardsmen. The medical officer checked our water each day and was well satisfied. He stated that our water was as good and safe as the water in any city. I do have enough knowledge to know that Chlorination and Fluoridation are not similar. This idea is a complete falsehood, deliberately promoted by some who know better and unknowingly used by many sincere advocates of fluoridation who had no prior knowledge of the halogen elements or of water treatment.

The argument goes this way: "Chlorine and Fluorine are alike because they are both halogens." (Halogens are elements which link with other elements to form chemical compounds, in the form of metal salts.) While it is true that both chlorine and fluorine are both halogens, the similarity about ends there. It is also true that a tabby and a tiger are both cats, but do you know anyone in Kings Mountain who keeps a tiger for a housepet? Here are the differences in chlorination and fluoridation:

Chlorine is added to our water as a gas. Fluorides are added as solids, either in liquid or powdered form. Chlorine is added for the sole purpose of purifying the water and is not intended to reach the consumer. Fluorides are added, not to make the water safe, or more potable, but to treat a condition in the human body. Chlorine treats water, Fluoride treats human beings. Since Chlorine is added as a gas, about half

has dissipated by the time it reaches your faucet. Fluorides will be in the same concentration as when the water left the water plant, according to Public Health Officials who advocate fluoridation.

You can shake a glassful of water and it will lose more of its chlorine gas. You can boil water and the chlorine will boil away. Not so with Fluorides. When you boil meat or vegetables which require long periods of cooking and more water, you increase the concentration of fluorides, which will not boil away, because they are solids. In the case of mechanical or human failure at our water plant and overdose of chlorine is not likely. If added into large quantities, chlorine would warn our senses, irritating the mucus membranes of eyes, nose, and throat. This is entirely different from fluorides, which the fluoridationists tell us is tasteless. Our senses would not necessarily warn us of an overdose of fluorides. Chlorination is absolutely necessary to protect us against contagious disease such as typhoid. This constitutes a public health measure. If I contact typhoid, I become a threat to every person in the community. Fluoridation is not a public health measure. Fluorides are added simply to prevent or retard tooth decay. If I have a hole in my teeth, it is my business and I am not a threat to anyone else. Tooth decay is not contagious.

I have also had some experience working with a licensed pest control operator. Every pest control worker knows of the hazards of working with and being exposed to insecticides daily in

their work. Exposure to these dangerous compounds is a major health hazard to these operators. I personally know of two cases of pest control operators whose health has been damaged severely beyond repair... and they certainly didn't drink the stuff. A recent study reported by the Associated Press last October reported that at least 11 commercially available pesticides cause cancer and birth control defects in mice. It said, "These pesticides should be banned not because they are going to kill us today but to stop them from accumulating in the environment and becoming a danger in the future!"

Since our sewage treatment plant cannot or will not be able to remove the fluorides from our treated sewage, this constitutes another pollution problem. Since less than 1% of the fluorides we add to our water will actually reach the children for whom it is intended to treat, this will mean that 99% will be run out in washing clothes, automobiles, putting out fires, flushing toilets, and taking baths, we will be slowly building up the levels of fluorides in the soil locally, and eventually even to the point where even the person with his own well will be drinking water with a fluoride content.

Generally, insecticides fall into two categories: The quickkill types and the residual. Sodium Fluoride is a residual, meaning that it leaves a residue behind to continue its killing action long after it is applied. Several companies sell it for the intended purposes of killing roaches, ants, and waterbugs. One such company is the manufacturer of Ant Bane, packaged by Chicago Pesticide Laboratories, containing only 81% sodium fluoride, the other 19% being a powder which acts only as a carrier or base and has no action otherwise. The label warns not to touch, inhale, nor swallow. The poison label also states that it may be harmful to plants and foodstuffs, animals and children. I don't want to drink any of it even in minute doses, much less ingest it every time I drink water, tea, coffee, or eat food cooked in it.

I most certainly urge the citizens that will be obligated to decide the issue at the polls to study both sides of the issue. I can furnish literature to anyone who requests it showing why I am opposed to fluoridation and am sure that those who are working toward fluoridation will do also. At least look at both sides and decide for yourself.

I appreciate the opportunity given each side by the editor of the Herald to express our views. I do not have the financial means to flood Kings Mountain with anti fluoridation literature. The local newspaper and radio station afford me the only real opportunity to be heard and I commend them both. I also apologize to the editor for the unusual length of this letter and hope that he will see fit to publish it.

Sincerely,

Clayton Bolton
206 N. Piedmont Avenue
Kings Mountain, N. C.
739-3552

Letter To Editor

I see by the paper that the Jaycees are still busy, going to the schools, handing out pamphlets, and trying to brain-wash the people into thinking that they need Fluoride in their water, to protect their children's teeth. Well I am not saying that Fluoride won't save a few teeth for our children, but I will say that the tooth brush will do a better job of saving teeth than Fluoride, or anything else that has ever been put on market, and I have never heard of a case anywhere that the use of a tooth brush has caused any side effects, or has its use ever caused anyone that is already suffering from any kind of sickness to get any worse. Well I can't say the same thing for Fluoride, it has been proved that it is a poison, and is used in several different insecticides, it has also been proved that if Fluoride is consumed for a number of years it will cause, hardening of the arteries, heart trouble, kidney and liver infection, and many other serious conditions. And just think of what it would do to the many older people that are already suffering from these ailments, and I just want to say that if anyone has any doubt that I know these things to be true, I will invite that person to my home at anytime he or she wishes, and I will show them the proof that I have from famous doctors, and scientists all over the county, I have just come from Kings Mountain hospital and as I walked down the hallways and visited the patients I noticed that 50 percent of them are fifty years old or over. And I know that a lot of these patients are suffering from some of the conditions I mentioned in this letter. Now let me ask you this, You all know these people have to get their water from the same place all of our water comes from, would any of you add anything to the water these people have to drink that they believed would prolong their recovery, or prevent them from getting well at all? I am sure you wouldn't. And I want every one in Kings Mountain that is registered to vote. To sit down and think this thing over good,

Bethware News

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Philbeck and children of Bessemer City were visitors of Mrs. Q. V. Philbeck and Mrs. Mamie Gibbons Sunday afternoon.

Mickey Bell is home after receiving his discharge last week on completion of his tour of service in the Navy at Norfolk, Va. Bell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bell.

Spec. 5 Harold Wright is home from Vietnam after receiving his discharge last week. Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Wright honored Harold with a dinner at their home Sunday. Friends and relatives were invited.

Mrs. Carl Armstrong and Karen of Sumter, S. C. spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wright. Carl Armstrong came for the weekend and his family returned home with him Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Gertrude Champion, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Champion and children spent Sunday with Miss Darleen Champion at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N. C.

Miss Sherry Bell of Western Carolina University spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bell.

Mrs. Ray Carpenter is a patient in Garrison General Hospital in Gastonia.

Mrs. Floyd Herndon and Leonard Gamble are patients in the Kings Mountain hospital.

Mrs. David Gibbons and boys, Mrs. Jerry Hall and Kim were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Ware and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ware Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Stacy, Mrs. Mamie Gibbons and Mrs. Q. V. Philbeck spent the day Wednesday with Mrs. John McKinney and children.

Sam Lovelace visited Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boheler of Groves Sunday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

We appreciate very much the good service and kindnesses of the staff of McGill Clinic and Kings Mountain Hospital during the illness and death of our husband and father.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS MADE ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA AS LISTED BELOW:

Pursuant to law, notice is hereby given that the assessment roll relating to special improvements made on certain streets in the City of Kings Mountain has been deposited in the office of the city clerk where same may be inspected by any interested citizen.

Notice is hereby given that the city commissioners will hear any allegations and or objections in respect to such assessment on February 10, 1970 in council chambers at City Hall, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Upon final confirmation of such assessment roll, copies of same will be delivered to the city tax collector, who will proceed to collect said assessments according to law.

The work herein referred to has been done, and this notice is hereby given under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915, as amended. The names of interested owners and/or their respective representatives, together with the assessment to be made, and showing the property to be assessed are as follows:

PAVING FORD STREET AND WOODLAND DRIVE

NAME	FOOTAGE	AMOUNT
Sally Neal Early	279	139.50
Juanita Oxford	91.5	45.75
Major Loftin	210	105.00
Gus Bennett	282	141.00
Bruce Sparrow	125	62.50
Jack K. Bennett	100	50.00
Winnie Wise	100	50.00
John W. Ford, Heirs	95	47.50
Luke Hoyle	55	27.50
Johnny Jones	125	62.50

CURB AND GUTTER MONTA VISTA DRIVE

NAME	FOOTAGE	AMOUNT
Bobby Scoggins	65	32.50
Ralph E. Ware	70	35.00
Edgar Whelstine	80	40.00
Ross Alexander, Heirs	75	37.50
James Clinton	75	37.50
Bertha Clinton	75	37.50
Jerry Black	50	25.00
Ralph E. and James K. Ware	100	50.00
W. Earl Stroupe	100	50.00
Jessie Carpenter, Heirs	150	75.00

GASTON STREET

NAME	FOOTAGE	AMOUNT
C. W. Kennedy	85	42.50
Hugh Williams	132	66.00
C. C. Edens	110	55.00
Hoyle Mabry	110	55.00
Melton Hope	199.16	99.58

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NAME	FOOTAGE	AMOUNT
Robert Garvin	50	25.00
Myrtis P. Julian	50	25.00
Fire Baptized Church	50	25.00
Plonk, Ratteree & Herndon	40	20.00
O. V. Ellis	150	75.00
Eddie Kennedy	150	75.00
John Ross	112	56.00
Walter L. Weaver	75	37.50
Miles Boyd, Heirs	50	25.00

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Nell Jackson	74	37.00
Clyde H. Cook	65	32.50
C. V. Gaffney	100	50.00
J. A. Wright, Heirs	156.75	78.38
R. H. Burton	70	35.00
James W. Ware	70	35.00
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Rebecca Brooks	76	38.00
M. C. Poston	80	40.00
Warren Reynolds	50	25.00
James Redmond	89.2	44.60
Roy Long	100	50.00
Mrs. John Keller	198	99.00
P. Oliver Neal	210	105.00
H. Grady Tate	100	50.00
Neisler Mills, Inc.	379	189.50

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Glenn Eppers	100	50.00
Luco Jenkins	100	50.00
James Simpson	251.55	125.78
John W. Thomasson, Jr.	125	62.50
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