

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO: Mr. Martin Harmon
Editor
The Kings Mountain Herald
Kings Mountain, N. C. 28086

Dear Sir:

This letter is in no way a retraction to my letter of March 15, 1971 to the Editor of The Kings Mountain Herald, which was published March 18, 1971. The contents of the letter was in no way intended to make insidious insinuations, nor allegations, nor indications directly against our Chief of Police. In regards to the courts hearings of alleged charges to person, or persons involved, with the charges of possession of Marijuana. I believe that my letter simply stated from events from the two news coverage of both fine newspapers, The Kings Mountain Herald and The Daily Star, an unbiased reporting of the news. Having brought the two coverage into conjunction.

Therefore I do feel that our Police Chief was wise in so suggesting the court to have a re-examination of the facts. Also requesting fellow law enforcement officers to assist, which is most commendable.

Therefore I must in all due respect to the courts of our County give The Honorable Judge trying the case an applause for his being a wise judge also. In so closing, sometimes the attorneys representing a case sometimes fumble the ball.

Respectfully
E. H. Pearson

Dear Editor:

If we have the highest caliber, best trained police force Kings Mountain has ever had.

I am writing this letter because of some accusations and charges made last week against Chief Thomas McD. Vitt.

We have had to call on the Kings Mountain Police several times. During one episode of break-ins (there were about five other places being hit every week also) I know, Chief McD. Vitt along with several of his officers worked day and night until the guilty were caught, had trial and were convicted and sentenced to active prison terms. The average citizen doesn't know how hard it is to get a conviction for crime in our courts today. The men convicted had been in prison before for breaking the law. They were caught with a station wagon full of cigarettes one time and a judge freed them to steal again two days later.

I have nothing but praise for our chief and his force. I know of many boys who have been helped by him and his force and no notice was given to wealth or community standing.

Mr. Clayton Kelly has been riding Chief McD. Vitt pretty hard. He even comes close to accusing him of accepting bribes. I am sure Chief McD. Vitt has made some mistakes but accepting bribes? I have never known Mr. Clayton Kelly to make a mistake or be wrong since I have known him. So, I am sure all this fuss couldn't be over a traffic citation given to someone. No, it couldn't be!

My grandfather J. R. told me when I was much younger not to be afraid of making mistakes in life because I would learn more from them than from successes. I have found this to be true. Too bad Mr. Kelly hasn't made any mistakes or been wrong. Maybe he could have learned. No, impossible. A perfect man knows all, sees all and does no wrong.
Ken Roberts

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Combined sales of both Series E and H Bonds were \$6,479,403, the largest volume sold in 24 years, and were 15.4 percent above January of a year ago.

The 1971 annual dollar goal assigned to North Carolina is \$63,600,000. Sales in January amounted to 10.2 percent of this goal.

Sales in Cleveland County during January were \$27,396, which is 3.7 percent of the county's 1971 quota of \$750,490, according to George Blanton, Jr., Cleveland County volunteer chairman.

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Wed. Movies In Reverse Order

WASHINGTON REPORT

The new Congress has not distinguished itself for the speed with which it is taking up broad problems confronting it. However, it is further along in the consideration of a number of important items than it appears at first glance. All of the legislative committees in the House are humming with activity and legislation in beginning to flow through the pipeline. Last week, the House in a dramatic turnaround, rejected funds for the Superionic passenger plane which has been hotly debated in and out of Congress for months giving a clear victory to those who, like me, are concerned about the serious questions of cost, need, and environmental damage which this plane poses. As a matter of fact, the SST debate is the first of many decisions on environmental and pollution issues that will be decided by the Congress this year.

By no means will the House and Senate limit their work on environmental legislation to those recommendations for new laws by the White House. Even if this were the case, though, an enormous assortment of pollution and environmental legislation has already been requested by the President and these plans are receiving high priority in Capitol Hill. On February 8, the President sent to Congress a broad

outline of those measures he feels are essential if we are to win the nation's battle against pollution. This is, of course, not a new battle since the Congress has already written strong laws in the national effort now under way. Experience with the anti-pollution programs and the magnitude of the problem show us that more needs to be done.

The many parts of the President's message have now been broken apart and, to date, fifteen specific bills that seek to carry out his plans have been written. These bills, in turn, have been referred to seven committees which will now consider them in detail, rewrite the legislation as a result of the committee findings, and report the revised bills to the House.

Among the new proposals urged by the President are wide ranging programs to broaden controls over water and air pollution, measures to deal with dumping in the oceans, insecticide and poison controls and pollution caused by both surface and underground mining operations. In addition, the White House message recommends new legislation dealing with the location of power plants, greater planning for the use of land, additional parks and an expanded wilderness system. These new plans recognize the

special problems that are being caused by the need for waste treatment plants in the country's cities and towns. Funds for these local projects are inadequate and often unavailable. To meet this crisis in pollution, a program of grants over three years costing \$6 billion is planned.

The House Committee on Agriculture is already well into its study of pesticide control legislation. As the hearings progress, it is clear that the use of insecticides is an essential part of farming although it is equally clear that the indiscriminate and unwise use of these substances must be checked.

Other forms of insect control based on biological factors which leave no pollution residues and do no harm to animal or human life have also received considerable attention. We are only beginning to explore the value of these alternative methods of insect control. However, there will be a high priority given to research in this field which will allow us to zero in on specific insects that destroy crops and timber without having to resort to the broadside use of poisonous insecticides with all of their harmful side effects.

As these many plans for pollution abatement and control arise in the Congress during the next two years, they will be discussed

Bledsoe Rites Are Conducted

GROVER — Milum Bledsoe, 46, of Rt. 1, died unexpectedly at 5 a.m. Monday at his home.

A native of Virginia, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bledsoe and was employed by Grover Industries.

He is survived by his widow, Roxie Collins Bledsoe; four daughters, Mrs. Horace Rayfield, Mrs. Kenneth Jones and Miss Mary Evelyn Bledsoe of Grover and Mrs. Johnny Nations of Clover, S. C.; three brothers, Abe Bledsoe of Grover, Alred Bledsoe of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Carl Bledsoe of Kings Mountain; four sisters, Mrs. Ethel Gamble of Peru, Ind., Mrs. Marie Costner and Mrs. Margaret McFarland of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Frances Lemmons of Patterson Springs; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. from Allen Memorial Baptist church by the Rev. George Thornburg.

In detail in future issues of this Report. There are many other urgent issues that demand attention on Capitol Hill, but certainly there are none more important than the challenge which we face in cleaning up the refuse generated by modern life. If all our technology intended to make life better succeeds only in contaminating our planet, progress will be meaningless. Our challenge is to see that this does not happen.

Local Students On Dean's List

Dr. George S. McSwain, Dean of Instruction at Gaston College, announced that the following Kings Mountain students have been named to the Dean's List at Gaston for the Winter Quarter: Jacques Causby, Mack Lefevers, Jr., John Logan, William K. McAbee, Hubert H. Seism, Rebecca A. Summitt and Elizabeth A. Wright of the Liberal Arts Division; Gary E. Nolen, Francis M. Trammell, and Walter D. Vess, Jr. of the Technical Division; William J. Cline, Stephen H. Farnsworth, Ronald C. Miller, and Billy G. Robbs of the Vocational Division.

In chemistry, ir means iridium.

Mrs. Schuler's Rites Conducted

BESSEMER CITY—Mrs. Alvenia Dunlevy Schuler, 60, of Helen Avenue, died at 1 a.m. Monday in Kings Mountain hospital.

She is survived by two sons, Charlie L. Schuler of Cherryville and John V. Schuler of Bessemer City; two brothers, T. C. Dunlevy of Johnston, S. C. and Semon Dunlevy of Gastonia; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. from Grace Lutheran church by the Rev. D. David Swygert. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo is on Lake Erie.

Herald Sets New Picture Policy

The Herald is setting a new policy on pictures to be published in the future and seeks the cooperation of its readers and customers in making the change.

Beginning next week, only black and white photographs will be accepted since only poor reproduction can be expected from colored photographs.

For birthday pictures and other single-column pictures, only wallet-size (2x3) photographs will be accepted, and for brides and brides-elect, 5x7 pictures are requested.

Also, all brides pictures and birthday pictures must be in the Herald office no later than Monday for inclusion in that week's edition.

The new rules have been necessitated since a change has been made in engraving companies serving the Herald. We hope you will not ask us to make exceptions and will request the proper sizes when ordering from your photographer.

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