

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor, Better City Government? Why do there are several things I would like to ask, and several things I would like to say to the public by this letter.

The first thing I would like to know is Who re The Citizens For

zens of Kings Mountain voted Bond Issue to Increase the City indebtedness. The citizens approved a \$3,000,000 Water Bond Issue and \$1,300,000 Sewage Bond Issue. You will see that these two bond issues added \$4,300,000 to the city's debt. The Moss Administration did not do this, the citizens did.

In a survey of 10 cities that our lights, water, and gas are cheaper than some and equal to others. There is now way to reduce our bills; as the power rates has been increased to the city by Duke Power and the gas rates by Transcontinental; and we must share that increase.

In a pilot program, Kings Mountain is to be one of several cities to have the State Government redo the traffic lights at no expense to the Kings Mountain tax payer. I think that is looking ahead by the Moss Administration.

Did you know also that the city of Kings Mountain, State Government, and the Southern Railway propose to install traffic gates at the two down town crossings. That is planning and looking ahead for a better city.

I would like to say that I am pleased with the low income housing units that the Moss Administration has made possible for many people in Kings Mountain. These houses sure are an improvement over the huts or shacks that these people had to live in.

I am proud of the Community Center and the planned programs that are carried on there. The Moss Administration is to be commended for their work in this area.

The Federal Government may money they want to get rid of, so they can ask for more the next year; but it takes lots of time and trouble to have it allotted to your town.

Our administration has worked overtime to get this for Kings Mountain, and we should say thank you to them for it.

In my opinion, the programs that the Moss Administration have developed have been for the advancement of all the citizens; Giving us more and better opportunities than we have ever had before.

I do not think we should change horses in the middle of the stream. Let's re-elect those who have served so faithfully for the last two years. Let's show them we appreciate them.

I am not ashamed for the people of Kings Mountain to know who I am or what I believe in. I will not hide behind a name but will sign my name. I am proud to be a citizen of an up and coming community.

Sincerely,  
Martha Ware  
(Mrs. S. Howard Ware)

## Here's Your Answer

By BERNADETTE HOYLE  
(Second of a Series)

By BERNADETTE HOYLE  
(Fifth of a Series)

"About 5 million of the nation's estimated 6 million mentally retarded are never reached by any kind of service developed specifically to meet the needs of the retarded."

—Robert L. Denny,  
Executive Director

We live in a rural area and our mentally retarded son is lonely for companionship. Are there summer camps for the retarded?

Yes, there are a number of day camps especially for retarded children, and some residential camps for the retarded. Write to us for the names of the camps in your area.

Q—I hear a lot about training mentally retarded persons for jobs. What's the use of doing this when there are so many normal people who can't find work as it is?

A—Because we have a moral obligation to do everything we can to help others lead productive, happy, self-sufficient lives. Remember, the mentally retarded are citizens, too, and are entitled to the same opportunities for maximum development of their potentialities as any other segment of our population. And, financially, it is far cheaper to train these retarded persons to become self-supporting or partially self-supporting than to maintain them in institutions.

Q—What kinds of jobs can the mentally retarded be trained to perform?

A—This, of course, depends on the level of intelligence. However, records show that their job stability is superior, they have better than average attendance records, they work harder than most others, they stay with routine tasks longer, and their accident rate is lower. Some jobs they fill well are: stock clerks, cooks, kitchen helpers, gardeners, packers, laundry workers, orderlies, mail handlers and messengers, and other tasks.

(If you have questions you want answered or if you would like copies of previous columns in this series, write to: Bernadette Hoyle, Public Information Officer, N. C. Council on Mental Retardation, P. O. Box 12054, Raleigh, N. C. 27605.)

### Commander Ruff Says "Thank You"

Robert Ruff, Commander of the American Legion Post 155, stated appreciation this week to the many friends for their cards and "best wishes" while he was hospitalized.

Mr. Ruff was a patient in Kings Mountain hospital six weeks. He continues to recuperate at his home.



A yard or so of material—and almost 200 years of dreams and determination—make an American Flag.

We honor that flag when we value the heritage it represents.

We defend it when we strengthen our freedoms by using them.

All this is part of what our young people must learn if they are to become responsible citizens.

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COMING MONDAY, APRIL 26th  
RUNNING THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 1

Slater Street (near American Legion Building)  
ALL NEXT WEEK!  
COME AND BRING THE  
ENTIRE FAMILY!

OCTOPUS

TRABANT

FERRIS WHEEL

MERRY GO ROUND

TILT-A-WHIRL

KIDDY RIDES



PARATROOP

New motor cycle ride and helicopter ride.

NO ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS.

MANY OTHER ATTRACTIONS

OPEN EACH EVENING AT 6:30 P.M.  
SAT. MATINEE - 2:30 P.M.  
CLEAN WHOLESOME FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
**YOU ALL COME!**  
THIS IS NOT A CARNIVAL

# CONSIDER THESE FACTS

The Plunger Caused This City To Enter Into A Contract On March 11, 1969 With Gillespie Construction As General Contractor: With The Following Paragraphs As Part Of That Contract Agreement.

## Kings Mountain Buffalo Water Lake Construction Contract March 11, 1969

### Par. 26 Acceptance of Final Payment Constitutes Release

The acceptance by the contractor of final payment shall be and shall operate as a release to the owner of all claims and all liability to the contractor for all things done or furnished in connection with this work and for every act and negect of the owner and others relating to or arising out of this work.

### Par. 39 Land and Rights of Way

- \* Prior to the start of construction, the owner shall obtain all lands \*
- \* and rights-of-way necessary for the carrying out and completion \*
- \* of work to be performed under this contract. \*

These May Explain Why We Can't Get The Lake Completed! We Broke The Contract Under Paragraph 39 At The Same Time It Was Signed!

Gillespie Contracting Can't Accept Final Payment Under Paragraph 26 Until They Have Paid Damages To All Sub-Contractors And Collected The Same From Our City.

You Know We Had Bull-Dozers And Men Waiting To Work On The Dam Site For Months Before We Got Right Of Way Clearance.

Just Maybe That's The Reason We Are Being Given All The Sleight Of Hand And Double Talk... The Money's Gone And We Still Don't Know How Much We Owe. Completion Date Was 12 Months From Starting Date Of The Contract.

Let's Put A Manager In City Hall... Stop Plunging And Begin PLANNING Progress. No More Sleight Of Hand. Let's Talk Facts Then Proceed With A Program To Build Kings Mountain.

Call City Hall And Check These Figures On Past Due Accounts... Royal Villa Motel... Lights-Water-Gas — (Two months overdue bill) \$3,302.58.

Our Special Interest Mayor, Allows These Folks To Run Up Bills. He'll Cut Your Lights And Water Off For No Payment. Let's Get A Man To Run City Hall Fairly.....

## VOTE FOR AND SUPPORT BOB COX

CALL 739-3248 FOR TRANSPORTATION TO REGISTER OR VOTE

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