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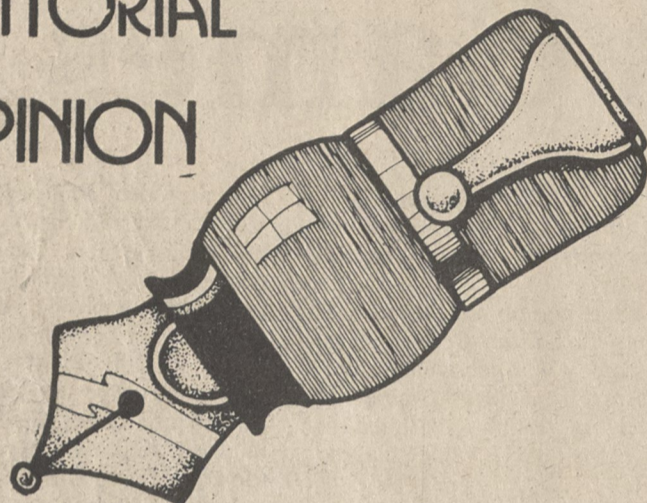
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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase. Proverbs 3:9

## EDITORIAL OPINION



### Hunter Allen Will Be Missed

David Hunter Allen served the city for more than 40 years in the Electrical Department and his co-workers remember him as a fair and honest man who got along well with everyone in his Department. For many years prior to his retirement, he was Electrical Superintendent. Even after he retired he returned to the city and helped out and his was a familiar face in the Fire Department where he was assistant fire chief for many years and loved it.

Mr. Allen, who died last week at age 81, came to the City of Kings Mountain in 1931 and saw many changes in the Electrical Department and in the overall growth of the city in the ensuing years.

Hunter Allen will also be remembered as a good neighbor, and a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

The Herald joins his many friends in the community in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Allen and the family during their bereavement.

Mr. Allen worked during nine administrations at City Hall for nine mayors, beginning with the late W.K. Mauney in 1931. He is remembered by Mayor John Henry Moss as a "fine person who did an outstanding job of developing the Kings Mountain electrical system during his 40 plus years of service at City Hall. He was a very cooperative and understanding person and I remember that he told me on one occasion that he used to walk from City Hall over the city to read the meters back in the early years of his employment. He was also instrumental in the leadership of the volunteer Kings Mountain Fire Department. Hunter was a family man who took great pride in his four grandsons and his children and wife, with whom he celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary last May. Kings Mountain has lost a fine citizen," said the mayor.

### We're Glad To See It

The headline on the story in last week's Herald read "City Code Department To Clean Up Properties."

It's a big undertaking for Jerry King and the City Codes Department but we hope they succeed. Unsightly properties which have become an eyesore in town are on their way out and we're glad to see the city plans to enforce ordinances to clean up derelict houses. The problem can't be solved overnight but there has to be a starting place. Mr. King said he hopes to get the cooperation voluntarily from property owners but if not the city will take every tool at hand to get the job done.

It's time to list 1983 properties for taxes. Those who attend to the chore earliest will find the job easiest and shortest. Those who wait too late or fail to list for taxes, will find the procrastination costly.

The cold weather everyone had been wanting finally arrived and stayed awhile and this year the "cold spell" almost coincided perfectly with the arrival of winter. Most folk are now wishing for sweet-breathed spring somewhat in advance of it getting here.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY: 12:00 - Kings Mountain Rotary Club at Holiday Inn.  
6:45 p.m. - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at Holiday Inn.

THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. - White Plains Shrine Club at Masonic Temple, Masonic Drive. All Nobles urged to attend.

MONDAY: 7 p.m. - Emergent Communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM for work in the first degree at Masonic Temple, Masonic Drive. All Masons urged to attend.

MONDAY: 7:30 - City Board of Commissioners at City Hall.  
7:45 p.m. - Kings Mountain Woman's Club at the Woman's Club Building. Election of officers.

7:30 - Distinguished Service Award Banquet of Kings Mountain Jaycees at Holiday Inn.

Activities at the Kings Mountain Senior Center for Thursday, January 19th through Wednesday, January 25th:

THURSDAY: Escort Service, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Bingo, 11:00 a.m., Nutrition, 11:30 a.m., Crochet Class, 12:30 p.m., Grocery Day, 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY: Escort Service, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Nutrition, 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY: Escort Service, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Nutrition, 11:30 a.m., AHOY - Exercise Class, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY: Escort Service, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Nutrition, 11:30 a.m., Quilting, 12:30 p.m., Band Practice, 12:30 p.m., Artist Guild, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Escort Service, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Nutrition, 11:30 a.m., AHOY - Exercise Class, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

The Swinging Mountaineers will be performing on Tuesday, January 24th at the Brian Center in Gastonia at 2:30 p.m.

# 1,001 Things To Do In Tar Heel State In '84

There are a thousand and one things to do in North Carolina in 1984.

That's how many events are listed in the 1984 Calendar of Events booklet available from the North Carolina Travel and Tourism Division.

Whether it's a "RiverSpree" in Elizabeth City, antique show in Morganton or Hog Day in Hillsborough, there's a variety of events spanning the state throughout the year to appeal to everyone. Kings Mountain even made the booklet twice, for the North Carolina Pops Concert at Barnes Auditorium on May 4 and the Bethware Community Fair on September 11-15.

In keeping with North Carolina's upcoming three-year celebration of the 400th anniversary of the birthplace on English America, the booklet front features a color photo of characters from "The Lost Colony," the nation's oldest outdoor drama which tells the story of the first attempts at English settlement of the New World four centuries ago.

Scattered throughout the book are other interesting photos, including scenes from Grandfather Mountain, New Bern, Nags Head, Boone and other places.

The 52-page booklet is free of charge from the North Carolina Travel and Tourism Division, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or phone toll free in state (800) 334-1051 and out of state (800) 438-4404. It is also available at the state's Welcome Centers located at the state's borders along interstate highways.

Here's one for the E.R.A. supporters.

Judges across the state hand women much lighter prison sentences—as much as 12 years less prison time than men—a pair of sociologists from N.C. State has found in analyzing nine years of court records.

Dr. Randall J. Thomson and Dr. Matthew T. Zingraff, both associate professors in NCSU's Department of Sociology and Anthropology, studied the sentencing of 9,464 felony and misdemeanor offenders incarcerated from 1969 through 1977.

"It's like the judge comes up and says, 'I normally give so many years for this offense; I'm going to give you 12 years less because you're a woman,'" Dr. Thomson said.

The two say judges treat women "as children in need of care and protection."

But, in contrast, Zingraff and Thomson turned up no evidence that the preferential treatment trickles down to misdemeanors. In fact, for the offense of child abandonment, they found women received harsher sentences.

The two found that men convicted of second degree murder received an average sentence of 10,877 days, while women received an



## Stewart's Slants

By Gary Stewart

average of just 6,691 days...a difference of 4,583 days.

The differences were smaller for other crimes. Sentences for men were longer by 870 days for manslaughter, 538 days for larceny and 156 days for forgery.

The sociologists found no significant differences in sentences received for simple assault, passing worthless checks and shoplifting.

On child abandonment, they found that the average woman received a sentence 42 days longer.

Zingraff said that changes in judges' practices usually lag behind public opinion, and, historically, opinion shifts translate into harsher punishment. "If equality is demanded, women will start receiving harsher treatment," he said.

Dear Mad Fans:

I appreciated your letter and feel for you. But, our policy on letters to the editor is that they must be signed.

If there are 200 of you who feel this way, one of you should be willing to come by the Herald and sign the letter. Do that, and we'll be glad to run it.

Gary



## Lib Stewart

# Shape Up For Cystic Fibrosis

Angela Wright, born Sept. 23, 1969 with cystic fibrosis, never expected to celebrate her 15th birthday. She said her parents were told at her birth that she might reach birthday number two.

The 1984 Poster Child for the Cleveland County Cystic Fibrosis campaign for funds is excited she will be a part of the Jan. 28th Exercise-A-Thon which the Kings Mountain Physical Fitness Program is sponsoring from 12 noon until 6 p.m. at Cleveland Mall.

Angela said she didn't know much about the disease, which strikes children, until she was nine or ten years ago and she had never heard about local drives for victims of the disease until she saw some local women at an exercise-a-thon a year ago and was asked to be Poster Child. She said she became even more interested in the local campaign when she met five-year-old Jeremy Wray Brown in Cleveland Memorial Hospital. Jeremy lost his fight against cystic fibrosis three days after Angela left the hospital.

"I broke down and cried when I learned about the Exercise-A-Thon last year and my parents gave me permission to serve again as Poster Child and to attend the Exercise-A-Thon this year", she said. Angela says she is also grateful to the Kings Mountain Rotary Club for their recent donation of \$200 toward expenses she incurred while she was a patient at Duke Hospital.

The "Shape Up" for benefit of Cystic Fibrosis will raise money through pledges that various members of Patsy Parker's Exercise Program at the Community Center is soliciting. All participants raising \$30 or more will receive a shape up T-shirt and participants who raise \$75 or more will win prizes based on the amount raised.



Angela Wright

The "Shape Up" will honor young Miss Wright and special guests will be "Mr. Bill" Norwood of WLOS-TV in Asheville and Billy James of WBCY Radio in Charlotte.

Anyone wanting more information should contact Mrs. Parker at the Community Center at 739-3549 or Margaret Ledford at 487-1484 after 7 p.m.



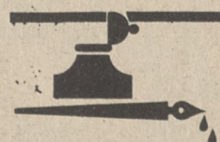
## Peeps Into The Past

From the Jan. 22, 1953 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald Manly K. Fuller, the city's top employee since 1950, was discharged "as of now" Monday night by the city board of commissioners with pay to March 1. The board also demoted Tom Henry, formerly Superintendent of Public Works, by stripping him of authority over all but designated departments and by lowering his salary to \$300 a month. Only a week previously Mr. Henry's pay had been raised to

\$325 per month.

Billy Sanders, age 11, was honored as Kings Mountain Police Department's Adopted Son and received a bicycle. A \$2,000 educational policy was also taken out to further his education.

Glenda Goforth, daughter of Gene and Mary Childers Goforth, celebrated her first birthday Jan. 19th. A birthday party was held at her home.



## Letters To The Editor

### Thanks For Help

To The Editor:

A Thank You Note to all who had a part in making the bell ringing for the Helping Hand Fund, of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, a success.

To the Kings Mountain Herald for the publicity and gave. To the ministers who gave of their time, willingly and with a smile, because this was a way of helping others in their time of need.

To those who gave of their means because of their compassion for others and a desire to share with them.

The Christian spirit was very evident in all ages. Many children gave with a smile on their face, and many adults showed a joy that their children received a blessing by giving.

Not only did we receive from the able bodied but even some on crutches and walkers gave saying "there are probably some in worse condition than I."

I'm thankful to live in a community like Kings Mountain, that has so many wonderful people in it. God Bless All.

REV. FRED WELLS  
BELL RINGING CHAIRMAN