

Kelly Will Be Missed

Kelly Dixon, former mayor of Kings Mountain (1961-63), who died suddenly last Wednesday of a heart attack, was one of this community's staunchest supporters. He loved Kings Mountain.

On Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day last Sunday at Central United Methodist Church, Mr. Dixon was honored as "Our Spotlight Teacher", a surprise honor which Mr. Dixon would, of course, have appreciated but was no surprise to all who knew him as the Davis Bible Class teacher for 10 years and always an active member when he was not active doing pastoral duties in other churches of the community. Although he was 82 years of age, Mr. Dixon was called upon to preach and teach and to lead funeral services, serve as a visiting chaplain at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, and do many other services. He and his wife, Blanche, were married for 60 years, raised nine children, and had 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"Mr. Kelly" had handcrafted a beautiful violin and case which will be used in Central Methodist Church in his memory. The family was also active in Penley's Chapel Church before moving their membership to Central United Methodist and Mr. Kelly taught the Men's Bible Class and the Adult Fellowship Class at Central Methodist for several years.

Mr. Kelly's philosophy was in these special Bible verses: "In all that you do, do your best"; "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Kelly Dixon demonstrated the traits of leadership, loyalty and Christianity in his role as pastor, mayor, neighbor and citizen. The facts of his life earn him an important place in this community's history. He will be missed.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY:

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

SATURDAY:

5-8 p.m. - Old-fashioned Steak Supper and Bake Sale at Grace United Methodist Church sponsored by the Choir.

MONDAY:

7:00 - West School Parent-Teacher Organization in the school gymnasium.

TUESDAY:

7:30 - American Legion Auxiliary at the American Legion Building.

7:00 p.m. - Central School Open House and parent visitation in the classroom.

LOOKING BACK

(From the Sept. 17, 1953 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald).

Forms for petitions calling for an election on the matter of the consolidation of schools in Number Four Township are to be forwarded to school boards and district committees involved for action as the result of a public meeting held at Central School Monday night.

The public is invited to visit the Compact School and community this weekend for a revival of the Compact Community Agricultural Fair.

A public meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed U.S. 29 By-Pass will be held in the Kings Mountain September 29th.

In a beautiful formal ceremony Wednesday afternoon in Boyce Memorial ARP Church Miss Bernice Harrison became the bride of Bobby June Cloninger.

Miss Margaret Goforth's sixth grade at Central School has organized a Junior American Citizen's Club.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But the Lord is in His Holy Temple; Let all the earth keep silence before Him. Habakkuk 2:20.

Deadlines

The Herald welcomes your letters to the editor, news articles and other information.

We ask that you follow these deadlines for submitting articles for the paper:

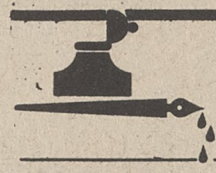
Social news should be submitted by 5 p.m. Mondays. These articles include weddings, engagements, birthdays, church news, club meetings, etc.

Sports news should be submitted by 5 p.m. Mondays.

Classified and display advertisements and regular news items should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stories that happen on Tuesday nights must be submitted by 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

If you have an item of interest or know of someone or something that would make a good story, call us at 739-7496.



Letters To The Editor

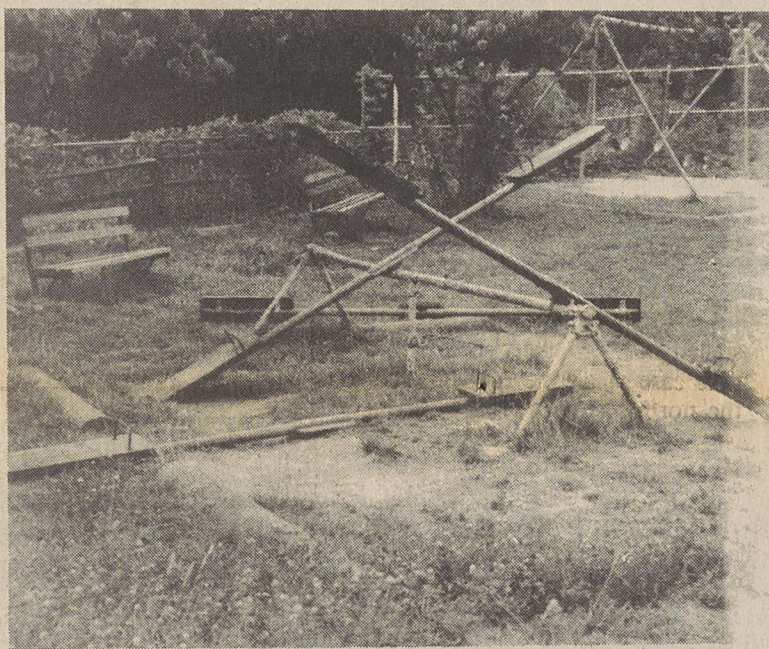
Equipment 25 Years Old

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter out of a frustrating sense of feeling, knowing that after it is received that it will probably go unnoticed by the City Commissioners of Kings Mountain.

Upon a recent vacation to Kings Mountain, my wife, my daughter and myself decided to visit the children's park located near my mothers house. Upon getting to the park I was surprised but not overwhelmed that the same playground equipment was being used that was there twenty-five years ago when I was twelve years old. The equipment got a lot of wear and tear when I was twelve but after twenty-five years it is completely dilapidated. Yet, there it was, not in the same place, because it had long since been moved to make room for two new ball fields with night lighting and the works as far as fences etc. Not one-hundred yards away from this dilapidated playground with seesaws strewn on the ground, a merry-go-round that was rusting away and swing sets with no swings was "COMMISSIONERS PARK", complete with a new 8 to 10 foot brick wall. Also someone had the ingenuity or should I say the gall to place at the top of the steps (made of rotten railroad ties) going up the steep overgrown bank to the park a sign which reads "IMAGINATION PART"—How appropriate. Seems to me like the commissioners and other interested (or uninterested) parties need to realize that not all children are old enough to play ball. "IMAGINATION PARK" would be better named "IMAGINARY PARK".

Sincerely
Alvin L. Ellison
Houston, Texas



Equipment At KM Park

Thanks, Rescuers

An Open Letter to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad:

This is a note of appreciation for what the men of the Squad has done for this family in the line of duty and help that was given freely on the team's own time. You men are kind, courteous and understanding along with being very professional in your job. This family cannot express enough appreciation for the help you have been to us.

Our deepest appreciation from the children and grandchildren along with our folks.

THE RUFUS DEATON FAMILY

KM Women Hear Candidates

Quite probably the real attention getting combination at last week's annual convention of the 3.5 million member American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary 64th national convention was the Tuesday speech by President Ronald Reagan and the Wednesday address by Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale.

The appearances of President Reagan and Mr. Mondale carried on an unbroken Legion tradition. Since 1920 every presidential candidate of the Democratic and Republican parties has appeared before the Legion's national convention. And well they should, because no astute politician would deliberately risk alienating members of what is probably the largest veteran's organization in the country, one whose members have served in every military conflict this country has been involved in from World War I to Vietnam.

Additionally, an appearance before a Legion convention gives presidential aspirants appropriate stage, one that attracts considerable attention from the media, from which to reaffirm and restate their positions on defense and foreign policy, concerns that go far beyond the membership of a single veterans organization, but which, nevertheless, are paramount in those people's considerations.

This is why Mr. Mondale's hesitation in accepting the American Legion's invitation was so perplexing. The Legion only learned on Tuesday for sure that Mondale was going to speak and his last minute acceptance kept from some attending Wednesday's session at which he made the address. President Reagan's address on Tuesday drew a packed audience.

Arlene Barrett and I attended the American Legion Auxiliary convention, which also featured the popular, well-known entertainer Bob Hope as the State's Dinner speaker. Hope came to Salt Lake City, Utah to accept a humanitarian award from the Auxiliary. With upwards of 15,000 people in town members of the American Legion and Auxiliary were not overlooked as Salt Lake City hosted the big convention for the first time. If not by their numbers, then by their distinctive caps, the delegates to the national convention were readily recognizable. Salt Lake City really rolled out the red carpet and it was estimated that the Legionnaires and families would spend eight million dollars in town before they left last Wednesday and Thursday. A highlight of the trip for me was hearing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at a worship service in the historic Mormon Temple on Temple Square. Since I was helping with publicity for the Auxiliary Conven-

To The Editor:

I am a concerned parent who is questioning the disciplinary authority of the school system.

Recently, my son was removed from a Kings Mountain school bus for two days after he admitted that he stuck his finger up at the school bus driver after my son was off the bus and in his own yard. At that time, my son's assistant principal, in charge of the busses, stated that if "he does it again he will be kicked off the bus permanently, regardless of whether he sticks his finger up at the driver or a teacher or anyone connected with the school system, in the grocery store, downtown, etc. and etc...."

I admit my son was in the wrong and I disciplined him at home. I don't condone what my son did but neither do I condone what the school system does and says in this incident. I go along with paddling and disciplinary action in the schools but I don't go along with school authorities who tell me if a student is disrespectful anytime, anywhere, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, that student will be dealt with by the teacher in the classroom the next day. Parents should be told of wrongdoing and given the chance to punish their own children. I feel like there was a different way of handling this incident. There is much overcrowding on the bus my son rides to and from school, three and four children in a seat. I have been told that one child walks to and from the front of the bus to take names of other kids who are loud, get up from their seats, etc. and then reports the incidents to the driver and the teachers. This is very dangerous for a child to be standing in a moving vehicle.

My question is: where do the teachers get this authority? School insurance ends when our children leave the school. Should not a teacher's authority end there too? Are they not disciplining the parents, instead of the kids when kids are kicked off the school bus?

Edward Allison

Support Society

Dear Editor:

I will appreciate very much if you will give the following letter space on the editorial page in your newspaper.

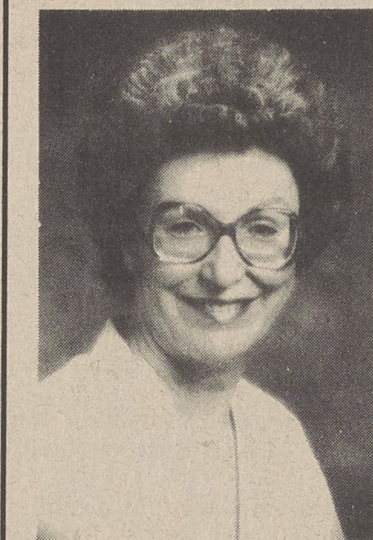
Since November 26, 1980, my husband has been paralyzed from the waist down, faced other obstacles, and confined to a wheelchair with a spinal cord injury as a result of a fall from a ladder.

In July 1982, we joined the Spinal Cord Society. It is a non-profit International Society for cure research and treatment of spinal cord injury and related problems. Several cure research conferences have been held and the most recent was August 23-25, 1984, at an International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, when twenty-one (21) researchers reported to the public the progress of their research projects. An instant cure for the chronically injured has not been found, however, much is known about electrical stimulation, nerve grafts, late anterior decompression operations and other procedures that alleviate the suffering.

Also, a SCS Center is to open in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in November, 1984, and is the first and only one specializing in advanced treatments for chronic spinal cord injuries and related neural problems.

I feel we have many people in North Carolina who are spinal cord injury victims or suffer from some type of severe neural disorder that may not be aware of this very worthwhile organization. I believe the paralyzed need to know of the advances being made in cure research. If you are injured or know of someone with a spinal cord injury, please write Spinal Cord Society, P.O. Box 69, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55445. Also, they have a toll free number, 1-800-328-8253.

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tion, that service was one of the few times I was outside the Public Relations room at the Hotel Utah. Boy Scouts from the Great Salt Lake Council formed a giant color guard, carrying one flag from every state and 50 more of the stars and stripes. They paraded to the building's balcony as the Tabernacle Choir sang "God Bless America. Then, with a flourish, the flags were draped over the balcony's edge. Later came the placing of the four memorial wreaths, followed by a moment of silence. Outside the Tabernacle, the Mormon Church's Nauvoo Bell, never before rung for such a purpose, pealed 11 times in memory of those who gave their lives for the cause of liberty.

The two daily newspapers, The Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune, published special American Legion editions almost on a daily basis as soon as the convention was underway and television and radio in the area also reported all the activities. President Reagan, of course, brought along his own press corps, plus media from a wide area, as did Walter Mondale.