

## Letters To The Editor

# Thanks For Support



## Stewart's Slants

By  
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### Young Fans Should Behave Or Stay Home

I've been covering high school sports in Kings Mountain and this area for 20 years, and one of the poorest displays of sportsmanship I've ever seen occurred at last Friday's Kings Mountain-Ashbrook football game.

Around 50 or more Kings Mountain youngsters came out of the stands and off the bank at the south end of the stadium and threw rocks, ice and paper cups at two Ashbrook cheerleaders who attempted to carry a banner around the track.

Kings Mountain people may use as an excuse that the Ashbrook girls "had no business coming over here with that sign", but there is no excuse for such behavior. Banners have been a part of football since day one, and fans who cannot accept them as a part of the game should stay at home on Friday nights.

If the banner had carried a vulgar message, it should have been taken away from the girls by school officials. However, the banner was quite clean in that it only had printed on it the Ashbrook High logo (the Green Wave) and the words "Class of 1985."

When the Kings Mountain fans first started throwing items at the cheerleaders, I left the spot where I was taking pictures on the sidelines and went down to the corner of the stadium and told the Kings Mountain youngsters to "get back up in the stadium and act like somebody." They paid me no attention. After youngsters started running out of the Ashbrook stands to defend their cheerleaders, the Kings Mountain youngsters who started it all ran back to their places at the top of the bank. Then, some older Kings Mountain kids came out of their stands. Then and only then did any school official come to stop what could have been a serious situation. The only school official I saw trying to cool tempers was KMHS Principal Ronnie Wilson. No other teachers, school administrators, school board members or the policemen working the ballgame bothered to do anything.

It seemed very ironic to me that this action came just one day after a disturbed parent wrote the Herald a letter questioning educators' authority over youngsters after school hours. He claimed he was told by school administrators last week that they have authority over school children "24 hours a day." If that's the case, where were all the "people in authority" Friday night?

I don't know the law, but I do know that the Kings Mountain School Board has the authority over the use of school facilities. And, they have the right to set certain rules about the behavior of people—young and old—who visit those facilities.

### Board Has Authority

I would suggest that the school board immediately adopt a set of rules of behavior for football fans who attend games at John Gamble Stadium, and would include the following in those rules:

\*That fans be required to sit in the stadium seats except when going to the concession stand or bathroom, and that no one be allowed to sit on the banks or stand behind the wall of the bleachers unless there is a packed house.

\*That fans not be allowed to stand behind and lean on the fence which encircles the playing field. (One group of grown men were standing along the fence last week and every other word that came out of their mouths was a curse word.)

\*That educators who attend ballgames and see their students misbehaving deal with those students on Monday morning.

If the board of education cannot at least adopt the above rules, I urge them to ban all banners, including the ones that praise the home team, from the stadium.

### Biddix Earns Cruise

Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Biddix of Kings Mountain returned home Monday from a four-day cruise to the Bahamas.

Biddix won the trip through a sales contest sponsored by Peninsular Insurance Company of Jacksonville, Fla. Biddix works out of Peninsular's Rock Hill, S.C. office.

The Biddixes left Charlotte Friday and flew to Miami, where they boarded the Sunward II for the cruise across the Atlantic to the Bahamas.

Biddix was one of the top four salesmen from the Rock Hill district in the 18-month contest. However, because the Rock Hill district topped all other districts in sales, all salesmen with four months or more service were taken on the trip.

"I didn't want to miss this trip," Biddix said. "I worked real hard for it, plus, I'm retiring in December after 23 years in the insurance business." Biddix has been with his present company since 1967.

"I appreciate the people who made it possible for us to go," he said. "If they hadn't purchased insurance from me, I wouldn't have gotten to go. I've always said I have the best people in the district."

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Dear Sirs:

I appreciate your giving the opportunity to express our thanks to all of the people responsible for making our first Kings Mountain Boy's Club Auction a tremendous success. Due to the lack of space here, it would be impossible to thank all of those responsible by individual name. I would, however, like to express our deepest appreciation to United Way, merchants, businessmen, professional people, civic organizations, and individuals who unselfishly contributed merchandise, money and time in order to make our project successful.

Also, I would like to give a special thank you to Joyce Dixon, our auctioneer, and all of those people who attended the auction. All of us who had such a fun time at the auction will be happy to learn that Joyce has agreed to handle our auction again next year.

Lastly, I would like to say that we're proud of the growth of our

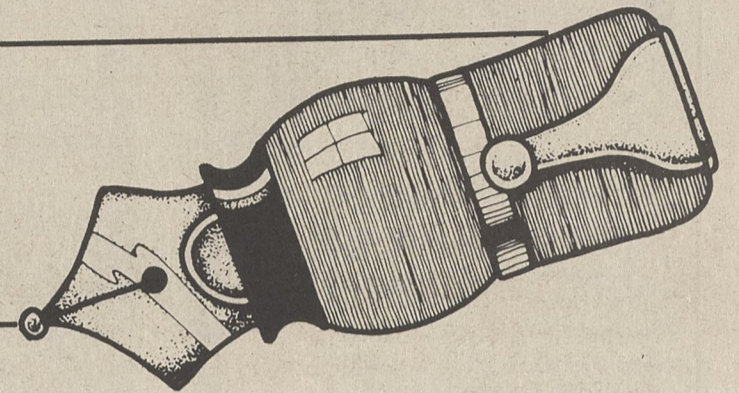
Boy's Club in only two years. I remember a time shortly after our founding when Tommy Bennett and I met with a high ranking official of the national Boy's Clubs of America. He told us that he did not feel that Kings Mountain was large enough to have a Boy's Club that was not a satellite of the Shelby Boy's Club. Well, in a short two years the generous people of Kings Mountain and surrounding areas have proved that theory to be wrong.

My term as president of the Kings Mountain Boy's Club has been one of the most exciting and reward experiences of my life. It has been a great honor to work with the fine, dedicated people who comprise our board of directors and the great kids who are our members.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Hendricks, Jr., D.D.S

## EDITORIAL OPINION



## Read Constitution

This week is Constitution Week by proclamation of President Ronald Reagan.

The purpose of this observance is to renew appreciation for our Constitution and our Country.

Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter DAR urge that you study our Constitution so that you may understand its meaning and why this

document has endured.

If our nation is to remain vital, it must maintain the spirit of liberty expressed in our Constitution. If we fail to guard that spirit, and become indifferent to the worth of our freedom, we will have lost the right to freedom.

Read your Constitution this week.

## Be Prepared

Little Johnny fell out of a tree, and he has a bad cut on his forehead. He is crying hysterically, and claiming he hurts everywhere.

After a nice family dinner, Grandpa suddenly clutches his chest in pain.

The baby was fine all day, but suddenly she is crying and has a high fever.

What do you do? Where do you go for medical care?

In 1982, over 81 million Americans turned to local emergency departments for help. Frequently these people had never needed emergency care before and did not know what to expect.

As part of its observance of 1984 Emergency Medicine Week, Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc. offers the following information to help Kings Mountain area residents in the event of a medical emergency.

It is too late to take some actions after an emergency occurs. Therefore, Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc. advises you to know the emergency telephone number in Kings Mountain and directions to the nearest hospital with a full-service emergency department. Before an emergency strikes, call the nearest hospital or ask your family physician about its capabilities.

\*Is there a physician in the hospital emergency department at all times?

\*Is that physician trained to treat emergency cases?

\*Is the nursing staff trained in emergency medical care?

\*Does the hospital have radiologic and laboratory equipment?

\*Are surgical and other specialists on call 24 hours a day?

If the answers to all of the above questions are yes, you should receive appropriate care for your emergency medical needs.

The emergency department at Kings Mountain Hospital is equipped with the most modern medical technology. Its highly-trained physi-

cians, nurses and technicians can care for every emergency medical need.

The emergency facility at Kings Mountain Hospital is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to treat any emergency that comes through the doors. As a result, the charges will be higher than those in your family physician's office.

Kings Mountain Hospital will need to prepare an extensive medical record on you, and you should be ready to answer several medical and financial questions. If you have insurance, it will be helpful to have the company name and a policy number handy.

Urgent treatment will never be delayed for paperwork, nor will financial situations ever keep you from receiving emergency care if your life or limb is threatened!

Patients in the emergency department are seen based on their need for quick medical care. Therefore, patients whose lives or limbs are endangered will always be seen first. When several patients are waiting to be seen, those with the most serious illnesses or injuries will be treated first. Emergency Department staff members at Kings Mountain Hospital will always try to tell patients the reasons for waits of more than 20 minutes.

Among the medical problems considered an emergency are: Breathing difficulties, unconsciousness, uncontrolled bleeding, major burns, heart attack symptoms, such as chest pains, spinal injuries, shock, and possible poisonings.

Less severe problems needing immediate medical attention are: Minor fractures, heat exhaustion and objects in the eye, ear or nose.

The emergency staff at Kings Mountain Hospital is also trained to work with victims of rape and abuse.

## Blood Pressure Checks Free

Every year hundreds of people in the Kings Mountain area need emergency medical care.

This is Emergency Medicine Week, and in conjunction with the nationwide observance, Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc. is giving free blood pressure checks or screening to anyone from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. seven days a week in the Emergency Room of the local hospital on West King St.

Kings Mountain Hospital, Inc. has a contract with Community Physicians, Inc. to staff the Emergency Room 24 hours a day seven days a week. The three full-time physicians responsible for this coverage are Dr. William Day, Dr. Stephanie Glenn and Dr. Richard Craddock. Head Nurse in the Emergency Room is Glenda Spearman, R. N.

According to Miss Spearman the Emergency Room staff sees between 950-975 patients a month. Miss Spearman, who came to the Emergency Room as Head Nurse in May, has worked at Kings Mountain Hospital for

### HOT DOG SALE

Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a hot dog sale Sat., Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the fire station. Carry out orders will be available. For more information, call 739-5853 after 5 p.m.

four years. She is a 1977 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High and a 1980 graduate of Charlotte Presbyterian

Hospital School of Nursing. Dr. Day came to Kings Mountain Hospital a year ago from Louisiana.

Other emergency medicine personnel in the area include the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and the Grover Rescue Squad.

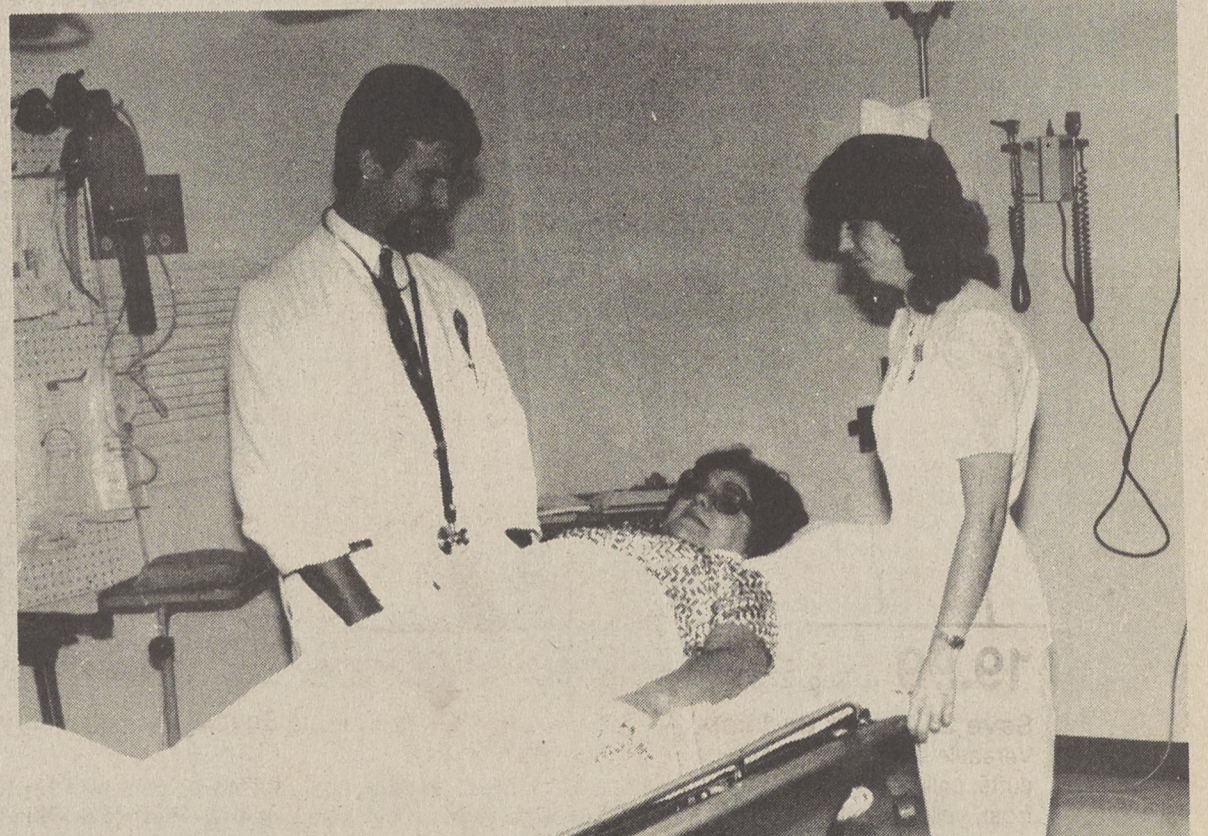


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**EMERGENCY MEDICINE WEEK** - Dr. William Day, above with head nurse Glenda Spearman in the Emergency Room of Kings Mountain Hospital, treating a patient, Glenda (Mrs. Jim) Downey, hospital employee. Mrs. Downey is receiving a blood pressure check.