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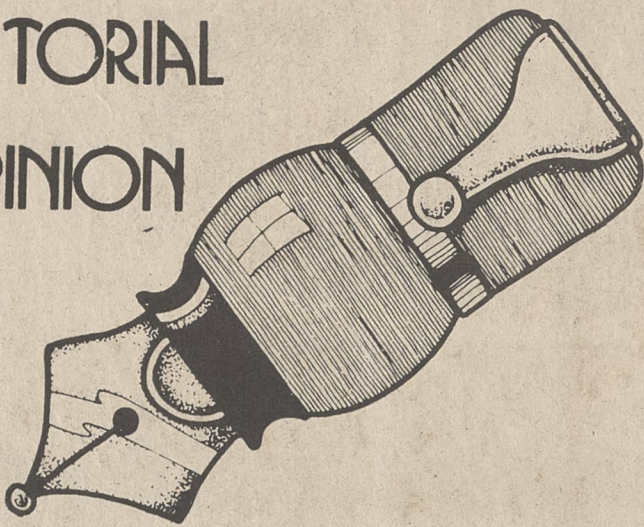
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## EDITORIAL OPINION



### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Say unto wisdom, thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman. Proverbs 7:4.

### Join SADD Effort

By a wide margin, the major public health program for teenagers in the United States today is injuries associated with motor vehicle use. Forty-four percent of all night time fatal alcohol-related crashes are caused by the 16 to 24 year old age group. In 1980 more than 7,000 teenagers lost their lives in auto fatalities.

Drinking and driving is the most often committed violent crime and a significant cause of death among our youth. It is the no. 1 cause of death for Americans, up to age 30.

In an effort to alert and inform students statewide of this problem, Kings Mountain Senior High has formed a Student Against Driving Drunk Organization called SADD. The SADD program is organized to educate students concerning the problem of drinking and driving and to help each student become aware of the alcohol problem as it exists on the local, state and national levels. This program has been in operation since September 1981 in Massachusetts, founded by Robert Anastas.

SADD has four goals: To help eliminate the drunk driver and save lives; to conduct community alcohol awareness programs; to alert and inform students of the dangers of alcohol and driving; and to organize a peer counseling program to help students who may have concerns about alcohol.

Local people heading up an Alcohol Awareness Program would like everyone to join this organization. "Your help is needed to win this fight against the needless slaughter on the highways. Please help us to realize our dreams of no teenage alcohol-related deaths on our highways," they say.

"As a team we are a mighty force...if we can dream it - it can be done!" is the goal.

Attend the Alcohol Awareness Program on Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at Kings Mtn. Community Center, Mountaineer Room.

### Man Of The Year

The Herald, of course, was not on the committees which designated the various winners of the Outstanding Men and Women of 1984 but it would have been easy to second the nomination of the choices of the 10 honored by the Kings Mountain Jaycees Monday night.

Our congratulations to each of the winners for their much deserved honors and especially to the Distinguished Service Award winner, Bethware teacher, Danny Ray McDowell, whose distinguished service to the community in the KM Boys Club program, led to his recognition as the 1984 Young Man of the Year.

Our commendations to the Kings Mountain Jaycees who over the years have rewarded many citizens for their community effort with plaques for outstanding achievement.

All are deserving and our congratulations to all of them for their deserved honors.

### Fred W. Plonk

Fred W. Plonk, who died last week at the age of 78, was a man of character, loyal to his church, his family and community.

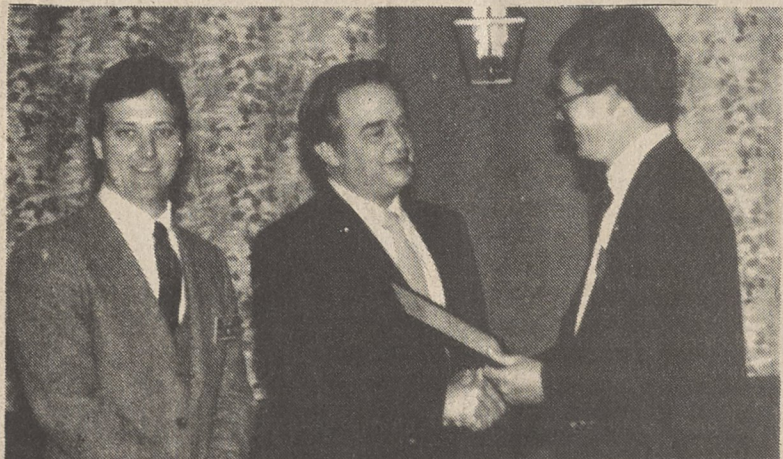
Mr. Plonk was a Kings Mountain businessman all his life and his service and loyalty to the community is well known.

The Herald joins the entire community in expressing sympathy to the Plonk family during their bereavement and loss of their husband, son, father, grandfather and brother. He will be missed.

### Buy Vests Now

Prompted by the recent shooting of a Cleveland County Sheriff's deputy, the Kings Mountain board of commissioners are spearheading a drive to buy bulletproof vests for the Kings Mountain Police department.

We hope the project gets underway soon and that the vests are ordered and distributed to each policeman and reserve officers as soon as possible.



**NEWSPAPERMAN HONORED**—Darrell Austin, center, General Manager of The Kings Mountain Herald, received the coveted Former Jaycees Of The Year Award and a plaque for service recognizing him and The Herald at Monday night's DSA Banquet of the Jaycees. Making the presentation is Jaycee President Brad Tate, left, and State Jaycee President Randall Essick, right.

## Minus Five Is Cold, But Things Could Be Worse

Monday was the coldest morning ever recorded over many sections of the nation, including Kings Mountain, where minus 5 degree weather sent people shivering indoors to bundle up in warmer clothes.

But the bone-numbing cold that descended on this area over the weekend, if it's any consolation, was worse on me. The temperature was 18 below zero Sunday morning in Louisville, Ky, when I left The Sheraton Hotel for the airport and Charlotte, N.C. about 10 a.m. "The Artic Clipper", as the icy blast was called, had descended on us late Saturday and everything was frozen on Sunday morning. Cars failed to start, traffic was at a standstill, and the bitter cold was snapping records everywhere across the South. "You'll be warmer when you get to Charlotte", one of my American Legion Auxiliary friends told me, as I bundled up to head for the Louisville Airport. "I wish I was going home with you", she said. I didn't believe her because I had already called home that morning and learned that light snow mixed with ice had dusted the area during the early morning hours. Louisville had about four inches of snow when I arrived there on Saturday morning for a mid-winter conference of the American Legion Auxiliary at which I was the guest speaker Saturday afternoon. Snow started falling again Saturday evening and by mid-morning Sunday the bottom had fell out of the thermometer. Louisville residents said they had never seen anything like it. However, one enterprising artist had got out in the weather and carved an ice elephant and donkey to decorate the front of the hotel where we stayed. Evidently, he was doing that to celebrate the Washington, D.C. inaugural activities which also had to be curtailed because of the icy wintery weather.

Kings Mountain District pupils received an extra bonus on Monday. There was no school anyway since a teacher's work day had already been slated. Tuesday morning, the buses ran an hour later.

When the mercury plunges below the freezing mark, everybody suffers. Cars refuse to start. Pipes freeze up. We ran out of fuel oil at our house but we didn't hear any of many power outages. It could have been lots worse. Plumbers were having to work overtime and, of course, power consumptions hit an all time peak.

Weather forecasters say the worst is over. I'm hoping that when I get to Lafayette, La. this weekend for another mid-winter conference of the Legion Auxiliary, I won't be greeted with snow. Snow would have been fine on Christmas Eve, instead of the balmy, summertime weather we enjoyed, but not now. I want it to be warm again and the sooner the better!



## Lib Stewart

Many of us today in 1985 would not like to return to the "gold ole days."

Today's teachers may get a chuckle from the "1872 Rules For Teachers" which are reprinted in today's column.

"Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.

"Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and scuttle of coal for the day's session.

"Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.

"Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.

"After 10 hours of study in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

"Women who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.

"Every teacher should lay aside from each day pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.

"Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.

"The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 25 cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves."

## McDowell Man Of The Year

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**Outstanding Rescuer**—Barry Dellinger, Charlie Edward Martin, Charles Curtis Sims; **Young Educator**—Suzanne Holtzclaw of Bethware School; William Dennis Martin of Kings Mountain High School; and Suzanne Terry of Central School.

A native of Kings Mountain, McDowell is the son of William and Annie McDowell. He attended Compact School and graduated from Kings Mountain Senior High School in 1968. He received his B.S. and Master's degrees in Middle School Curriculum from Appalachian State University. He has taught fourth grade at Bethware School for 12 years. Married to the former Brenda McCree, they have two children, Derick 14, and Tonya, 12. He is active in Galilee United Methodist Church where he has taught Sunday School and Bible School and is active in Methodist Men and Board of Stewards. He is past president of the Junior Usher Board and chairman of the Education Board. Director of the Kings Mountain Boys Club for the past two years, he coached basketball at the Junior High for three years and was head Jaycee Coach at the High School. The Boys Club, which has received support from the Jaycees, is organized for youth 7-16 years of age at Central School and meets three times a week, on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m., on Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 3 p.m. and features arts and crafts, soccer, basketball and other sports for interested youth of the area.

Jaycee Tom Bennett was honored as the first Jaycee to participate in district and regional competitions and Larry Hamrick was honored for his outstanding work with Boy Scouts of the community. The club also presented a special award to Doug Sisk and Cleveland Mall in appreciation of their support in promoting the recent Haunted House which raised \$680 for special Jaycee community

projects. Jaycee President Brad Tate said that Jaycees gave \$1200 to the N.C. Burn Center this year, \$360 to Boys Club of Kings Mountain, \$300 to Juvenile Diabetes Association and \$700 to Jaycee sponsored little league programs in baseball and basketball.

The Kings Mountain Jaycees press award was signed by State Jaycee President Randall Essick and presented to Darrell Austin, General Manager of The Herald. Mr. Austin, recognized as the Outstanding Former Jaycee, was recognized for community service. A native of Kings Mountain, Austin has had a life long career in the newspaper business, is active in First Presbyterian Church and a veteran of U.S. Army service. He is married to the former Shirley Falls, KM District Schools music teacher, and they have two children, Amy, a high school student, and Darrell Austin, Jr., a member of the Jaycees.

Outstanding teenagers were recognized for service to school and community as examples of leadership in the school and community.

The outstanding young firefighter award is presented to a person either employed in or a volunteer

in the field of fire fighting who has exhibited leadership, interest, dedication and personal sacrifice for saving lives and property for the citizens of Kings Mountain.

The Outstanding Rescuer award is presented to a person either employed or acting as a volunteer in the field of life saving who has exhibited leadership, dedication and interest in saving lives of people in need of emergency treatment for the citizens of the community.

The Boss of the Year award was presented to the employer of Jaycee President Brad Tate who gave meritorious service to his

family, church, community and to the organization.

The Outstanding Young Educator Award is presented to a person employed in the field of education who has exhibited leadership, enthusiasm, dedication, interest and sacrifice for the students of the Kings Mountain School District.

The distinguished service award is presented to the man of Jaycee age who has exhibited meritorious service to his family, community and nation during the past year. This award represents the highest award presented by the Kings Mountain Jaycees.



**JAYCEE HONORED** - Tom Bennett, left, receives a Presidential Award for service to his club and community from State President Randall Essick during the Jaycee Awards Banquet Monday night.



**JAYCEES HONORED FOR SERVICE**—Larry Hamrick, Jr., third from left, is congratulated by Jaycee State President Randall Essick for organization of a Kings Mountain Boy Scout Troop with a special Presidential award given by the club. From left Jaycee Lou Sabetti, Jaycee President Brad Tate, Hamrick, Essick and Steve Hagood, presidential assistant to Essick, who made the keynote address at the banquet.