

Throwing 'Stones' At A Good Singer

Go Fly A Kite But Do It With Safety

The sight of a kite dangling from a high wire comes as a reminder that kite flying can be dangerous.

Flying a kite in the wrong place at the wrong time can be a deadly game. And this should be remembered when the brisk winds of March invite youngsters and the young at heart of all ages who still like to get a kite in the air.

There are certain basic safety rules which should be kept in mind:

Keep kites away from electric wires and television antennas.

Use dry cotton string, never reinforced with metal. Never use metal on ties of kite tails.

Never climb a power pole to dislodge a kite. It's safer to let the kite stay there.

Fly your kite in an open field where there's plenty of space. Never fly a kite during a thunderstorm.

It's great fun to fly a kite but there's a risk to life and property in areas where high voltage electric lines are exposed.

LOOKING BACK

From the Thursday, March 21, 1957 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald:

Jerry King was graduated March 13th from Western Carolina College with the B.S. degree in Business Administration. Mr. King plans to enter the Navy Air Force.

Employees of Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant will vote Friday to determine whether they shall be represented in the future by the AFL-CIO Steelworkers Union of America.

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions Club will host area farmers at the annual Farmer's Night Banquet Tuesday night at the Woman's Club.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present "Late Love", a romantic comedy, this weekend at the Woman's Club.

Miss Etha Hawkins was married Sunday to Donald Bumgardner in a 4 p.m. wedding in Grace Methodist Church.

Mrs. James Herndon, Jr. and Mrs. Tracy McGinnis were blue ribbons in Wednesday's spring daffodil show sponsored by the Kings Mountain Garden Club and held in the lobby of First National Bank.

Letters To The Editor

An Open Letter To Friends:

Thank you all for the kindness, concern and love extended to us during our time of need when we were involved in a traffic accident on February 22, 1985.

We will always remember the beautiful people you are and how you respond to another's plight.

God bless each and everyone of you.

Sincerely Yours,
JOHN AND AMELIA BRODIE

Dear Editor,

The article explaining "Life Enrichment" that you wrote more than met our expectations.

Our thanks from the participants, the staff, the Board of Directors and all concerned, and especially me.

EDITH MILLER
LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER
SHELBY, N.C.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY:

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

SATURDAY:

3 p.m. - Lighthouse Christian Singles Temperament Seminar at Second Baptist Church.

MONDAY:

7:30 p.m. - City Board of Commissioners at City Hall Council Chambers.

TUESDAY:

7:00 - North School P-TA Talent Show in the School Auditorium.

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Sometimes you can just sense when you've made a big mistake.

Like the baseball scout who said Babe Ruth would never make it in the big leagues.

Or the UNC alumnus who said Dean Smith could never follow in Frank McGuire's footsteps.

Or the political analyst who said Mondale would win the Presidency.

Or, the musical talent scout who said Gene Stone could never make it big as a singer.

Whoa! What's that?

Gene Stone...singer? Everyone who knows Stone will tell you that he was a pretty good fastpitch softball player in his younger days, and he's pretty good at making bricks. But what's this about singing?

Well, let's start at the beginning.

Back several months ago, a group of us fellas who hang out at Junior Causby's Texaco station down on Dixon School Road at I-85 organized the "Texaco Tabernacle Choir" to spread good cheer during Christmas and other special times of the year.

We made our debut three days before Christmas by caroling to Dixon's self-proclaimed Mayor, Rob Caveny. The group consisted of David Hughes on the harmonica, Bill Sellers on the guitar, Junior Causby singing bass, Bud Stewart singing lead and yours truly singing tenor.

There are three requirements for membership in this choir. First, there must be an opening (which we don't expect). Secondly, you must live or work within hollering distance of I-85. And thirdly and most important, you can't carry a tune in a bucket.

Now, Stone heard about this up-and-coming group and decided he wanted to be a part of it. But first he had to meet the requirements and his application had to pass by unanimous vote.

He qualified as one who lives or works near I-85 since he is employed by Kings Mountain Brick on Grover Road. There was some question about whether he had a good voice or not but most of us agreed he probably couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. Only one thing held him back and that was, we didn't have an opening. He was applying for tenor (my job) and everybody except me said "let him in."

Now, I couldn't agree to that. Besides fishing, that choir's the most important thing in my life. I suggested kicking Sellers out cause it was his banging on that guitar that caused Rob's dog to start growling at us and sent us scurrying back up the road to the Texaco station. I figured if Stone couldn't play the guitar, I'd let him sing tenor and I could make as big a racket as Sellers.

But Bill wouldn't agree to that. The ends of his fingers were as tough as nails from mashing on those guitar strings, and besides, Stone is his boss man and has been giving him the devil 'bout every day since Christmas. So, we blackballed him.

So, he doggoned if Stone didn't take it to a higher power! He tried to run an ad and letter to the editor in the Herald, but Darrell Austin and I vetoed that. So he landed a spot on Bennett Masters' radio show on WKMT. I didn't hear the program but I've been told he really put the bad mouth on us. (By the way, WKMT. If you let him sing one note, we're going to demand equal time.)

He made himself sound so great that he was invited to sing a solo at Grace United Methodist Church, and almost landed

Meeting People Was Best Part Of 'Classroom'

At first Jennifer Bradley and Ela Milewski were apprehensive about what a week at Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C. would offer.

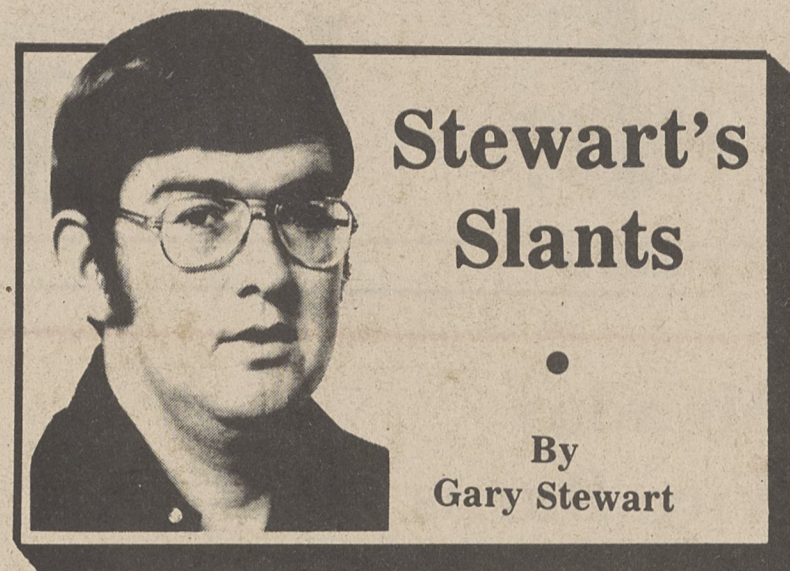
Upon their arrival, however, the two KMSHS juniors began meeting people from all over the United States and from abroad. Both reported that meeting students from different backgrounds was one of their most memorable experiences of Presidential Classroom.

Jennifer takes up the story from here: She said, "Together our new friends and the two of us encountered the legislative process on Capitol Hill. We were given the opportunity to meet with our senators and representatives, which we enjoyed. Seminars were given by qualified informative speakers on today's important issues, such as nuclear disarmament. Along with work shops, group discussions allowed for the exchange of the different viewpoints of students. Sightseeing was an interesting and equally enjoyable part of the program. We are honored and extremely grateful to have had the chance to participate in what proved to be a most unique and pleasing experience."

Jennifer, daughter of Mrs. Joan Bradley of Kings Mountain and Bob Bradley of Kings Mountain, is active in Beta club, marching band, pep band, FCA, Science, Art, and Spanish clubs, class representative to the SPO and participated in the mathematics contest at UNCC. She ranks in the top of her class and also works 15 hours a week at McDonald's. She is active in the youth ministry at Christ the King Catholic Church and is a member of the track, and cross country teams and serves as scorekeeper for the wrestling team.

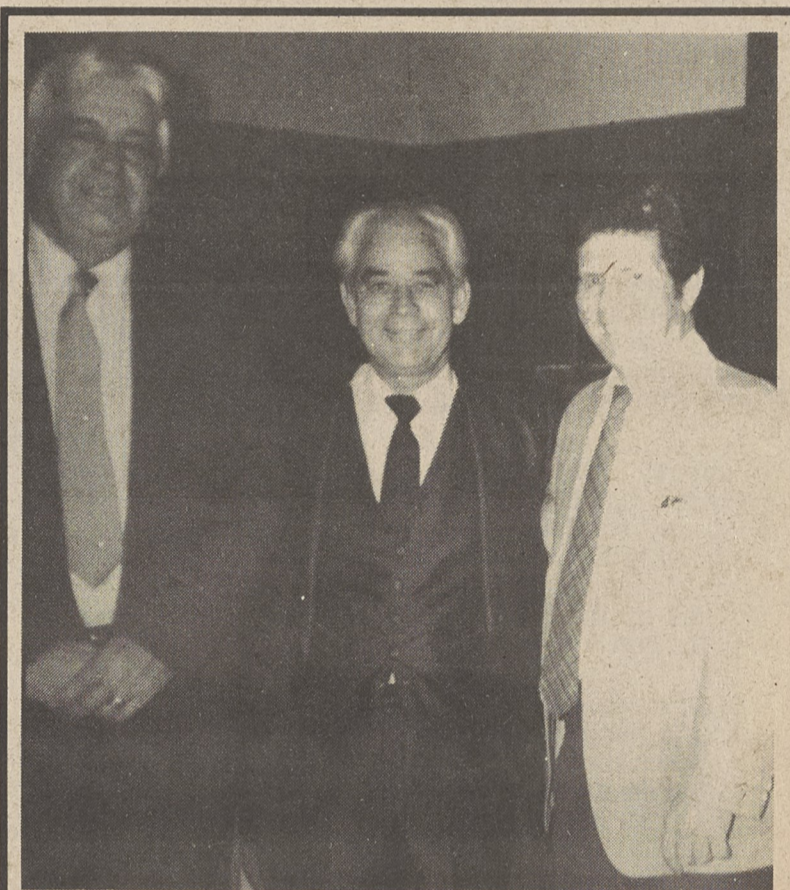
Ela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Milewski, is active in the Academically Talented Program at KMSHS and serves on the Diocesan Youth Council of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Gastonia, of which she is an active member. She is also in the Beta Club and plays tenor sax in the marching and concert band at KMSHS. She also served as scorekeeper for the high school wrestling team last Fall.

Both young women say they appreciated the opportunity to attend Presidential Classroom, admitting it was "lots of work" but also "lots of fun".



Stewart's Slants

By
Gary Stewart



SCORING POINTS - Gene Stone, left, tries to persuade Rev. Gene Land, right, and Les of the Florida Boys to let him sing during the Florida Boys' recent concert at Kings Mountain's Second Baptist Church.

an appearance with the Florida Boys a couple weeks ago at Second Baptist. There is a rumor going around that he's very close to signing on with the Florida Boys.

So, I guess you could say we made a big mistake. We just didn't recognize good talent when we saw it. He could have carried us to the big time. But, maybe we're just as well off. If he's good enough for the Florida Boys and to sing solo in front of a Methodist congregation, he would have messed us up. We can't have someone who makes us sound in tune!



Lib Stewart



ELA MILEWSKI, left, and JENNIFER BRADLEY, right ...enjoyed Presidential Classroom