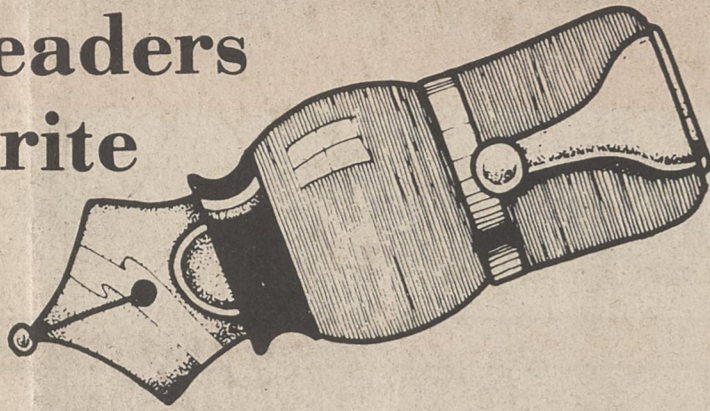


Readers Write



Wake Up, KM!

CULTURE - The act of improving or developing by education, enlightenment and discipline. Is it DEAD in Kings Mountain?

Are the people of Kings Mountain afraid if they attend a production of a cultural nature that it will rub off on them? So many times over the past twelve years this transplanted yankee has attended a play or a concert where he has been disappointed at the lack of attendance.

Last night I was present for the opening performance of the play "Bye Bye Birdie" at Kings Mountain High School and was appalled that only about fifty people thought it worthwhile attending. What a crying shame. The students did an outstanding job in their performance but who was there to appreciate it. This same lack of support is prevalent at Little Theatre performances (sometimes only a dozen or so people in the audience) at Charlotte Symphony concerts or even High School band concerts. What is wrong? Do not the performers who give of their time and talent so diligently deserve a better break? Come on Kings Mountain, wake up, support your own.

A Concerned Citizen,
Ed Heine

Lack Of Leadership

Dear Sir:

The Rick Steeves situation is the result of a lack of responsible leadership on the board of county commissioners.

I am concerned because three groups of people have been treated unfairly. First, of course, are Rick Steeves and his family since no one should be treated with the personal disrespect to which he has been subjected; second, are the taxpayers who have a right to know the rationale behind decisions that affect their tax dollars; and, third, are county employees who cannot work effectively in such an atmosphere of uncertainty.

Granted, the situation is deplorable, but what can we do about it?

First, I support the efforts of concerned citizens as they attempt to achieve reinstatement through available legal channels. No government employee should be fired without documentation being presented personally and publicly detailing why that employee's job performance was detrimental to the public interest.

However, just as a physician's primary concern, after treating initial symptoms, is to cure the cause of the disease, we must realize that the only lasting solution is real leadership for Cleveland County. Otherwise, Rick Steeves-type situations will occur again.

We need leaders with sound ideas derived from education and business experience coupled with moral principle directed toward simply doing what's right.

We need leaders who regard service on the board of county commissioners as an opportunity to help develop the potential within Cleveland County and its people by accentuating the positive, thereby, improving the weaknesses.

Our campaign organization, Neighbors For Fair Government, needs the help of all people who are interested in bringing fair government to Cleveland County.

Yours truly,
John Cabiness

A Worthwhile Organization

Dear Editor,

I wrote you last year regarding a worthwhile organization, Spinal Cord Society (SCS), and we received a good response, however, for public awareness, please print the following letter since I feel there are many we have not reached and, too, new injuries have occurred since that time.

This is a non-profit international organization that is moving fast towards its goal of CURE for paralysis due to spinal cord injury. SCS opened a Spinal Center at the University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinics, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 20, 1984. It is the first and only one in the world specializing in advanced treatment for chronic spinal cord injury and related neural problems. The new Spinal Center is very successful and with new research in various locations, we are excited and have high hopes that it will be beneficial to the many chronic spinal cord injured victims and those with related afflictions who have suffered and been handicapped for so many years. The Center program is the beginning of the end of paralysis.

Several cure research conferences have been held and the 1986 International Convention at which several researchers will be speaking will be held in Boston, Massachusetts July 31-August 1, 1986, in the Marriott Copley Place.

I feel we have many people who are either a victim, have a relative, a friend, or are just plain interested 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. A wheelchair is a lonely place if you think no one cares. For those who are interested and concerned, please write Spinal Cord Society, P.O. Box 69, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55445. Also, they have a toll free number, 1-800-328-8253.

Thank you sincerely for printing this letter.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Calvin W. Howard, President,
Piedmont Chapter

Field Day Success

Dear Editor,

The 1986 annual 5th grade Field Day was a huge success. We would like to thank the Kings Mountain Herald, Kings Mountain Sr. High School, Kings Mountain Jr. High School, Bethware, East, Grover, North and West Elementary Schools, Kings Mountain Schools Food Service, Kings Mountain Maintenance Department and County Schools Garage. We appreciate your help and cooperation.

Elementary Physical Education Personnel,
Cathy James, Sandi Shockley, Amber Tate,
Kim Dixon, Barry Webster

Thanks For Support

Dear Editor,

The Senior Ladies of Piedmont Baptist Church would like to thank each and everyone for your gifts and support in our rock-a-thon held on Saturday, April 12th. We had a joyful, great time. God bless each one of you.

SENIOR LADIES
PIEDMONT BAPTIST CHURCH



SWEDISH FAMILY HONORED — Henrik Nord, his mother, Mrs. Katarina Nord, and his sister, Asa Nord, Kings Mountain exchange student, left to right, are greeted by Esther Meunch who hosted a tea at KMSHS Cafeteria Monday night in honor of the Swedish visitors. Asa Nord has been a houseguest of the Lawrence Meunch family for a year while attending KM High School.

Host Families Needed

Host Families are being sought for 25 high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, Brazil, Ecuador and Australia for the school year 1986-87, in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August, 1986,

attend the local high school, and return to their home country in June 1987. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and have spending money and medical insurance.

Host Families may deduct \$50 per month for Income Tax purposes.

AISE is also seeking American high school

students age 15 through 17, who would like to spend a high school year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain or Australia or participate in a five week Host Family stay throughout Western Europe.

Families interested in this program should contact the person named above or telephone toll free: 1-800-SIBLING.

Eaton To Buy Company

CLEVELAND, OHIO...Eaton Corporation today announced that it has signed an agreement in principle with Farley Industries to acquire Consolidated Controls Corporation, a subsidiary of Condec Corporation. Consolidated Controls, which had sales of \$106 million in 1985, produces precision pressure transducers, pressure switches, electromechanical and electrohydraulic actuators, and power control systems for use in the aerospace, marine and defense industries. The purchase price was not disclosed.

James R. Stover, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Eaton, said, "Consolidated Controls should be

an excellent fit with Eaton's strategy. Its products have high technological content, serve growth markets and are a logical extension of Eaton's current electrical and electronics business."

Consolidated Controls, headquartered in Bethel, Connecticut, specializes in products requiring precise measurement and control applied in the most demanding environments, such as severe temperatures combined with vibration or acceleration. Consolidated Controls products are divided into two broad categories. Its aerospace products include those for military, commercial and general aviation markets, and the U.S. missile and space programs. Its

power plant control systems include those for nuclear and conventionally powered U.S. Navy vessels, and stationary power plants.

Eaton is a worldwide manufacturer of advanced

technology products for automotive, electronics, defense and capital goods markets worldwide. In the 12 months ending March 31, 1986, Eaton had sales of \$3.6 billion and net income of \$215 million.

Accountants To Meet

This month's meeting of the Gaston-Carolinas Chapter of the National Association of Accountants will be Professional Development Session. Presented by the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson & Company. The topic will be "Speeding Up Monthly Closings".

The meeting will be held at the Gaston Country Club on

Tuesday, May 13. The afternoon session will begin at 4 p.m. with a social hour at 6:15 p.m. followed by the dinner meeting at 7 p.m.

The chapter serves Gaston, Cleveland and York counties.

Anyone wishing additional information should contact Hub Hickson at 864-6711, Ext. 340.

OBITUARIES

CLYDE GREEN

Funeral services for Clyde Green, 75, of Route 3, Rolling Brook Road, who died Thursday in the Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Saturday at 4 p.m. from Penley's Chapel Methodist Church.

Rev. Leonard Huffstetler and Rev. Marshall Clary officiated at the rites and interment was in Mary's Grove Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Green was a Spartanburg County, S.C. native, son of the late Aaron and Irene Hinson Green.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Clary Green; five sons, Jerry Green of Gastonia, Clyde W. Green of Cherryville, Horace Green of San Jose, Calif., Curtis Green of Denver, Colo., and Roland Green of Paduka, Ky.; two daughters, Rachel Tidman of Arlington, N.J. and Rhonda Edwards of Shelby; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JOHN DEMETRIADES

Graveside services for John George (Johnny The Greek) Demetriades, formerly of Kings Mountain, were conducted Thursday morning at 10 a.m. from Gaston Memorial Park.

Mr. Demetriades, 70, died Saturday, April 26th, in Land O'Lakes, Florida.

Born in Pireaus, Greece, he moved to and attended schools in Gastonia and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. At the end of World War II, he moved his family to Kings Mountain and owned and operated two restaurants known as The Silver Dollar and The Silver Villa.

Surviving are two sons, George John Gerukos of Asheville and James John Demetriades of West Palm Beach, Fla., a daughter, Mrs. Anne Bovard of Miami, Fla., and three grandchildren, Kelly Ann Bovard of Miami, Fla. and Scott and Johnny Gerukos of Asheville.

ERNEST C. PAYNE

Funeral services for Ernest Cecil Payne, Sr., 65, of 309 N. Carpenter St., who died Thursday in Charlotte Memorial Hospital after several year's illness, were conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from Masters Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Payne was a retired electrician and member of Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain Optimist Club and a veteran of World War II. He operated Payne's Grocery on North

Piedmont Avenue for many years and for many years worked at Lithium Corporation of America.

He was the son of the late Albert and Susie Mae Armstrong Payne.

Surviving are his wife, Claudia Ware Payne; one son, Ernest C. Payne, Jr. of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Ginger P. Gower of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Bill Payne and Dean Payne of Bessemer City; one sister, Grace Fuller of Bessemer City; and three grandchildren, Tracy and Timothy Payne and Kimberly Gower.

His pastor, Rev. George Auman, was assisted by Rev. Graham Wood in officiating at the final rites.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank our many friends who stood by us during the tragic death of my husband, Dick Ware. Their deeds of kindness and words of sympathy were deeply appreciated.

The Linwood Service Station and wrecker service and Larrys Auto Machine Shop will continue to be in operation. It is hoped we will still have your continued patronage in this business.

Mrs. Gloria (Toots) Ware

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