

Giving \$15,000 A Year To Pool A Bad Precedent

There has been quite a bit of controversy the last couple of weeks about the use of city funds for an indoor pool at the Kings Mountain High School. As everyone knows, we want the best for our children, but first let us see just what is best.

We try to teach our children to be honest and above board in all that they do and say. Then we try to deceive by saying that the pool will be an all-private project. Then we try to get the school to stand good for \$100,000 which they have declined to do so far. Then we go at the city, asking them to fund \$15,000 per year for the pool's utility costs.

The Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation, the fund raising organization promoting the pool, turned to commissioners for help after members of the Kings Mountain School Board said they needed a guarantee on the pool's annual operating budget before deciding whether to help fund its construction.

Dr. Scott Mayse, the spokesman for the pool foundation said he has "a hard time understanding how anyone could be against the pool." No one would have been against the pool if it hadn't been an all-private project as planned. Dr. Mayse goes on to say, "I don't think there'll be anybody (signing the petition) who has ever done anything much for Kings Mountain." Pray tell, just what has Dr. Mayse done for Kings Mountain? He came to Kings Mountain overnight and probably will leave overnight. Dr. Mayse said a referendum would be a waste of the tax payer's money and a bad precedent to set. No, on the contrary, funding \$15,000 a year for the pool's utility costs would be a bad precedent to set. And it would not be the peoples choice.

Humes Houston, the City Commissioner who introduced the motion to accept the \$15,000 per year proposal, said he considers the matter closed. "As far as I am concerned, it's already been decided," Houston said. "It's not a matter of letting the people decide; it's already been voted on." Let Mr. Houston remember what happened to "Pete" Stamey, the County Commissioner who thought he had power to spare. People have a way of letting you know what they want. Sometimes it's wise to listen.

One article in the editorial page said that you may as well do away with the Board of Commissioners and Mayor and just hold a town meeting every time city business needs to be transacted. This may not be such a bad idea. It works on the Newhart Show.

William W. Worthen

Citizens Should Have Voted On Pool Issue

To the editor:

I am a lifelong citizen of Kings Mountain who would like to express my views on the many issues which are now in progress which seem to be one-sided.

In my opinion all citizens and taxpayers should have a vote on the pool referendum which four men on the seven-man panel decided. If it had been a matter of someone going in office or other business which would not have been spending taxpayers' money, we would have had our vote.

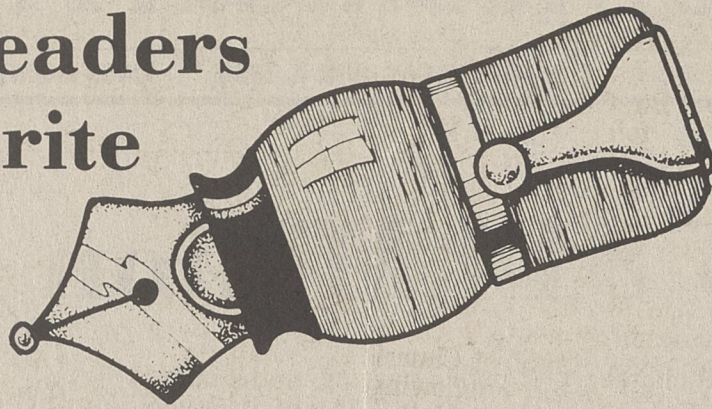
There seems to be no money for the sanitation workers, police officers, or other city workers, but when someone of higher calibre mentions something of luxurious values they seem to jump. It's always easy to spend someone else's money.

They say it would benefit the elderly, which seems to me to be ridiculous. My parents are in their 70's and would be unable to participate in such an activity.

I have worked in city elections for 25 years, and I can hardly understand how arguments every Monday night are doing anything but spending taxpayers money again. What's happening? We seem to be unable to express our opinions or vote on anything anymore.

A bowling facility was promised to us 20 years ago. It couldn't be done, they said, without a city vote. It was voted down. People were afraid their taxes would go up. We even had our own equipment. All we needed was a building. The Redevelopment Commission was just before tearing down the one we were in. We tore out all the equipment ourselves,

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even the seats. It could have made the city money. Buildings good enough to house this recreation were here but the city didn't help. Since then, some of these buildings have been torn down. We didn't even ask for the utilities or maintenance. It wouldn't have cost the city anything. It seems as if the right people have to speak before ears will listen at City Hall.

The swimming area would be good for our youth, I agree. Let someone (and we do have people in Kings Mountain who could do it privately). You're talking about insurance suits in case people get hurt and a whole lot of more red tape. The dues and memberships will only (more than likely) be for people with lots of money and can afford it.

I happen to be beside of a city worker (and I don't mean one who's in a car riding) who cashed his check...a little over \$100. He needs this extra money with three children in school. That hardly covers his groceries each week and his gas to get to his job. There's his utilities, car insurance, medical expenses, clothes, house rent, and you can hardly afford a family on that salary. He needs it. Yet, there's no money, they say, for a raise in the budget.

Some people could live on \$100 a week. Maybe some of you who voted to give this money to the pool committee could do it. Your home, car, and other finances are paid. Your children are grown and married. You get a decent salary. You can buy what you need each week without worry about children. The chances are you have a little money laid aside. These other people and children are struggling. Help them if any money is waiting on something to come up before committee meetings to consume it.

Right now we need swimming facilities like we need more city government. None.

We have a swimming area at the community center that is worthless.

Give us a chance to voice our opinion on this \$15,000 a year (which in my opinion probably will wind up being more). It's only fair, or is there such a word anymore?

Patricia W. Herndon, Kings Mountain

Others are subtle threats: "I'd better not have to come down there to you."

And others are not-so-subtle threats: "Hush up, or I'll give you something to cry about." "Just wait 'til I get you home."

If you or any of your readers have statements or questions or threats of this kind that they recall from their own childhood (or variations of the ones above), I will be very happy to receive them. I would also like to know where any contributors spent their childhood.

I will be glad to share my results with people who submit items.

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Thanks For Coverage

Dear Editor,

"Bye Bye Birdie" was a successful play because of your contribution and we sincerely appreciate all the good coverage given by The Kings Mountain Herald to this production by KMSHS students.

Your help really enhanced the production.

We sincerely hope we can count on you for your help in future productions.

THE CAST OF BYE BYE BIRDIE

Funeral Services Thursday For Violet Marie Foster

Funeral services for Violet Marie Foster, 80, of 407 Hill St., who died Tuesday in the Kings Mountain Hospital, will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. from Grace United Methodist Church, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Rev. Eddie black will officiate.

A native of Mecklenburg County, Mrs. Foster was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins.

Surviving are her husband, William Foster, of Knoxville, Iowa; one son, Thurman Jenkins of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Ledford of Greenville, S.C., Mrs. Margaret Lamb, Mrs. Rose Vestal, both of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Audrey Golden of Carrollton, Ga., 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The body was to be taken to the home of her son, Thurman Jenkins, 1230 Second St. Extension, Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Flossie Reynolds Welch Services Held On Saturday

Funeral services for Flossie Reynolds Welch, 82, of 716 Sipes St., who died May 29th at 10:15 a.m. in Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Penley's Chapel Church.

Rev. Leonard Huffstetler

officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Welch was widow of James Thomas Welch.

Surviving are her son, Sam Welch, of Kings Mountain; and two granddaughters, Samantha Welch and Susan Kiser.

Writer Wants Warnings

Dear Editor:

I am collecting examples of traidational questions, warnings, threats, commands, and suggestions used by parents—especially by mothers. Although there are some geographical limits involved, I find that the band of states just south of the Mason-Dixon line seem to have the same verbal warnings carried across by western migration:

Some of these are questions: "Aren't you afraid your face will freeze that way?" And some are phrased as questions but aren't really questions at all: "Are you going to mind me?"

Some are commands: For example, "Wipe that smile off your face."

Others are statements that mean something very different from the literal meanings of the words in which they are phrased: "I'll teach you to sass me."

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