

Let's Get Involved For Good Education

To The Editor:

The energies expanded during the recent alcohol vote in Kings Mountain were impressive. I was fascinated with the dedication expressed by all who debated this issue.

Is the future of our children equally as important as the sale of alcohol in the City of Kings Mountain? Where is the dedication to educating our children? Are we as clear and determined that all our children will at least graduate from high school?

How many citizens who actively fought or promoted alcohol sales spent the same time and energy getting a dropout back in school, encouraged someone to get their G.E.D., or helped an adult learn to read? The Kings Mountain Community Center offers free adult classes, learn to read or get your diploma.

Actually I applaud the dedication that each person and organization showed during the alcohol debate. It is this commitment to our values that makes us strong.

Education is the issue that should draw everyone together, regardless of race, religion or political point of view. With our combined efforts we can have a more secure future for all people.

Get involved! Find out how you can help yourself or someone you know.

Susan E. Larew

Give To Library Funds

Dear Editor,

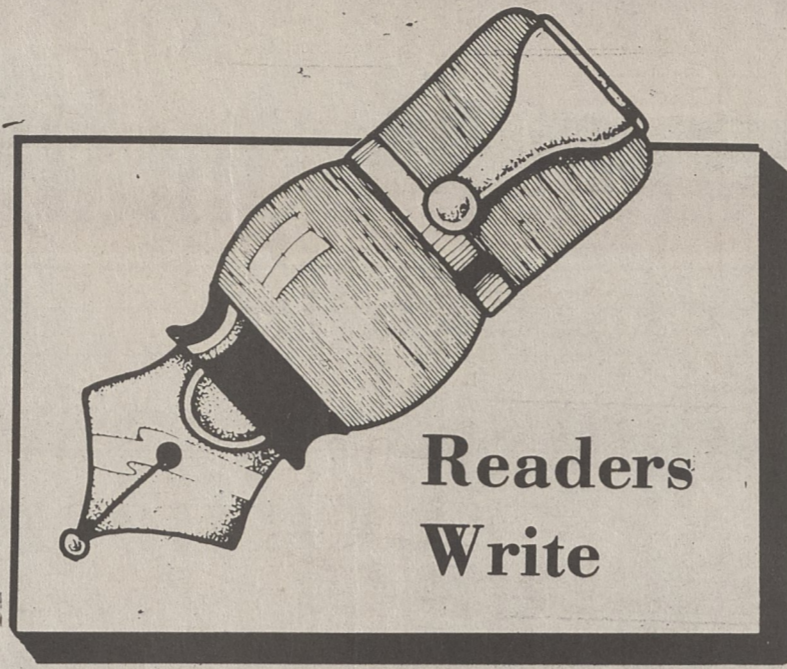
I am writing to endorse wholeheartedly the fund-raising project for the expansion of the Mauney Memorial Library.

There is no aspect of a town, other than the church, school system and a cooperative, friendly citizenry, that appeals more to individuals than a good public library.

Such an institution provide culture. The many services of art, music and literature encourage people in their interest in the refinements of living.

Such a treasure-trove provides pleasure, when one reaches the end of a day of hard work and stress, or when one has a spare hour, he has access to the free collection of amusing or challenging books, regardless of his age or physical condition. There are volumes in large print; there is a source for borrowing reading machines to use recordings of books for the visually impaired; there is provision for borrowing from other libraries materials lacking in the local library.

In addition to those treasures, there are in the Carolina Room local records, genealogies, histories of the state, old



local newspapers on microfilm, and the machine for using them. Elsewhere there are a copying machine, materials needed at present as copies of the 1987 income tax forms, pictures and other materials patrons request.

Of great importance is the help offered those who have never learned to read. Materials and information as to teachers to explain them may be had for the asking.

Furthermore, there is a continuing program for children, pre-school and older, storytelling, book choosing and reading for fun and educational movies, from these activities develops an educated, informed citizenry.

Kings Mountain has an interesting history of dedicated people who began in the 1940's to establish a public library. She takes pride in the handsome building given for its housing, in the well trained dedicated staff that presides over the holdings and but there is a problem.

The number of users has outgrown the present space and supplies. There is no room for addition al books and magazines; there is a place for group meetings; there is no space available for the use of the people; there is insufficient space for preparing materials for circulation or for keeping records; there is far too little space for story hours and there is barely room for the bus loads of children who come to borrow books and to browse in a world of fascinating literary gems. Kings Mountain needs greatly the proposed extension and has the land on which to build it but the town government can supply only a small part of the cost.

The challenge for making this project a reality lies in the hands of the citizens. May we join together in donating gladly to the undertaking to raise \$200,000. A gift, no matter large or small, will help. One need not wait to be solicited. The library staff will accept donations daily.

Today is the time to act.

MRS. JOSEPHINE E. WEIR

Expansion Is Needed

Dear Editor,

I would like to impress upon the readers of our newspaper the urgent need for the expansion program of Mauney Memorial Library. Our library is growing tremendously in all of the areas and services rendered to the community.

Having served as a board member for many years and a volunteer in the summer program for children, I see a great need to expand the children's area. An excellent program is planned each summer for the children but due to crowded conditions downstairs and the dangers involved in using the stairway and an unsafe floor upstairs, it is very difficult for the staff members to implement all their plans and activities. The summer programs begin the second week in June and continue until the first of August. Children of all ages come on Tuesday mornings for a Story Hour Program. The average attendance for this program is 75. On Wednesdays and Thursdays there is a Story Hour Program and films shown to the children in age groups as follows: Pre-School, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4 and up. The circulation of children's books during the summer has been from 120 to 216 each day.

As you can see, there is not sufficient space to take care of our many children that would like to attend these programs and use our library.

When you are given the opportunity, I hope you will give generously to this expansion project of our city library.

MRS. MARGARET G. McCARTER

Living Her Dream

Dear Editor:

Last night I dreamed Jesus came in all his glory. It was beautiful watching him take his children home. It was wonderful knowing I was going to be with Jesus.

When Jesus reached to get me I could see sorrow in his eyes. I felt strange. I knew I had accepted Jesus as my savior. I had tried to be good, I had gone to church, I had taken my children to church, but I knew deep within my heart I had not done enough. I knew the Bible said the harvest is great but my laborers are few.

I felt myself smile. I thought God will be pleased with me. When I stood before God to receive my rewards, I couldn't look upon his face, I felt so ashamed. I still didn't know why. I turned to look the other way. Oh! Help me! There to my surprise were young people with tears in their eyes. They seemed to be so afraid.

I turned and looked the other way, my children stood there. I thought, what is the matter with me? Why am I so afraid? What are my children expecting of me? Then my children said, Mama we can't go with you. God gave us to you to love, take care of our needs and even most of our wants. You taught us there was a God and there was a Jesus, but you never showed us the way to the cross. We didn't know how to find Jesus. We had so many questions, and there were many people who seemed to have the right answer for our needs. Mama they were wrong and we missed out on heaven.

Then all the young people began to beg. I looked at my hands and saw the blood and realized it was my own children's blood that was dripping from my hands. I turned to Jesus. I saw a tear fall from his eye. He said, they're right you didn't show them the way to the cross. I felt myself grow cold. I then turned to God and began to beg. Oh! God please give me another chance to show them.

I opened my eyes to look upon his face and found myself in my own bed. I then knew God was going to give me another chance. I got out of bed and walked up the hall to my children's room. My hands were sweaty and tears were fall-

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ing from my eyes. My children were sleeping peacefully. I fell to my knees at the side of their bed, thanking God for this second chance. I prayed to God, please help me. Please show me the way to guide my children to thee. As I prayed I remembered the other young people. God I begged, show me how to help them. Use me, God if this is your will. I didn't forget to pray for something else. I prayed for God to burden you, for each and every Christian to realize how little we are doing.

This was only a dream, but it could have been true. I thank God for my second chance. How about you?

What would you do if this happened to you?

Would you care?
Would you try to find the answer?
Every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. all ages welcome.
Workshop at Faith Baptist Church, 1009 Linwood Rd., Kings Mountain.
Come help us find the way to reach our young people. Everyone welcome! For Kids Sake.

Elaine Guin
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Buckle Up!

To The Editor:

Automobile accidents are the leading cause of injury and death for toddlers - but usually for those whose parents have not taken adequate safety precautions. Most crashes don't happen on highways. They occur within twenty-five miles from home because drivers are usually taking short trips. Letting your toddler have his way - even once - when it means ignoring safety rules could cause him serious harm. Furthermore, once you do, it will be far more difficult to get him into his car seat the next time.

Safety experts suggest the following rules to keep your child safe in the car before an accident happens:

1. Make sure your child's car seat is safe. (Look for the latest F.M.V.S.S. ratings and buy only an approved seat).
2. Install the car seat on to the back seat of your car - preferably in the middle. That's the place that safety experts say is the safest).
3. When you start on a trip, remember to lock the doors from the inside. (Play it safe: toddlers who can reach door handles are bound to try turning them).
4. When you get to your destination, take your toddler out at once. (Toddlers declare their independence continually. They can find a hundred ways to get into serious trouble if you leave them alone even for a few minutes - in the car just as in the house.)

Robert Wiggins,
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Porn Is Moral Illness

Letter to the Editor,

Lucifer preys on human passions and emotions and tries to pervert basic God-given feelings in order to destroy souls whose eternal lives are at stake. One of the most sophisticated and frightening tools in Lucifer's arsenals is pornography.

We are at war. This is a war that began in our pre-mortal existence and rages on today, but the weapons used by the adversary become more insidious and vicious by the day.

Pornography is a moral illness. It's an affront to decent human beings and is diametrically opposed to all that God has revealed about the worth of souls and the sanctity and dignity of his sons and daughters.

The real pornography battle is not just against print or film but a battle to help people recognize what a vicious weapon Satan is using against them.

Fortunately, there is a glimmer of hope in the never-ending war against pornography. This hope comes in the form of the recent action by the Attorney General and his commission on pornography. Their report offers positive ways to fight pornography in our communities. The recommendations are lengthy, but they basically involve ways to establish constitutionally sound obscenity laws that reflect community standards and the encouragement of adequate enforcement of these laws.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has taken a positive step to help stamp out such filth by preparing radio and television documentaries entitled "The Plague of Pornography." Details of these excellent programs can be obtained by calling 919-764-5729.

This is a war that can be won and it must be won for the souls of mankind hang in the balance. But it can only be won in the hearts and souls of good people who learn to recognize pornography for the plague that it is and are willing to stand up and fight!

Sincerely,
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