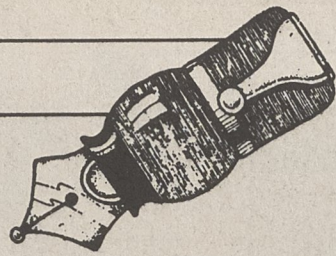


Letters To The Editor

Support Library Drive



To The Editor:

When I grew up in Kings Mountain there was no public library. I hungered for books and although my family provided books and magazines in my home - there was never enough. At the age of 10 I even started a lending library in our garage by borrowing all the books in the neighborhood, placing them on orange crate "bookshelves" and checking them out to my friends. Today in our modern scientific and technological world are there still children in our town hungry for more and better book services?

When Mrs. Willie Dilling retired as librarian of Mauney Memorial Library, I was appointed librarian by the Board and served in that capacity for nine years until my retirement in 1981. A lot of feathers flew during those nine years.

First, there was a general face-lifting of the library building itself with a fresh paint job both inside and out and new carpeting in the four rooms which was all the library occupied at that time. There were three more unused rooms downstairs in the building and two apartments upstairs which were still being rented. This rental was discontinued after several more years because of the new fire regulations.

All the time that I served as librarian I had one assistant and a student helper in the summer. During those years some of my able assistants were Mrs. Helen Neal, Louise Peeler, Virgie Eaker, Jenny Hatch and Pat Noblett - all dedicated staff members. We had fun together too! The most outstanding volunteer we had was Tina Russell who came to help us with her expertise after her retirement from Gaston County Library. We never would have made it without her. After the redecorating we then began a campaign to enroll more library patrons and emphasized the Children's Story Hour; we had sales of discarded library books on the front porch of the library (the books were sold out in two hours); we filled the shelves with new books and magazines. Soon we were bursting at the seams.

The Library Board Chairmen during my years were first Dr. Charles Edwards and then Grady Howard. Both were enthusiastic and cooperative leaders and with the excellent board members worked hard toward achieving our set goals.

In 1976 we decided it was time to open up two more of the unused rooms in the building and renovate them to become the much-needed junior rooms. We were fortunate enough to acquire a retired contractor who had moved to our town, Edward Heine, who dedicated himself to doing a fine job for us. Plaster-dust flew everywhere when Mr. Heine had to bore through a wall to make two doorways connecting the rooms to be used for the children. We had to cover our heads and afterwards clean all the books and shelves! Many times we were without a cleaning service and we found ourselves vacuuming, sweeping the front porch, planting geraniums in the urns etc. But we were proud of our library and did it happily.

When the two Junior Rooms were completed they were dedicated to the memory of Jan Marion Fryer (1955-1974) who had been a student summer helper in the library and had also conducted the Children's Story Hour.

In 1978 the last usable room in the building was made into the Carolina Room where the growing collection of North Carolina books could be assembled and where a reference department of local family histories was established. The local history collection was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Bonnie Mauney Summers who had spent years in researching and writing the history of Kings Mountain and of several local families. With this growth came new adult programs such as the national great decisions series which drew professors weekly from surrounding colleges as leaders.

Mary Jane Carbo was appointed librarian when I retired and served for two years. She was followed by the present able librarian, Mrs. Rose Turner.

Won't you join the chain of dedicated people who have already worked for half a century to bring your library to its present stage of development and help it continue to grow?

Hazel Herndon Fryer

Know Tick Fever Symptoms

In Cleveland County we have had no reported cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever this year, but North Carolina still leads the United States in the number of reported cases. In 1986, we had one case reported where the state had 129 cases and fourth deaths. Early diagnosis and treatment can lead to a quick recovery. Be on the alert for these early symptoms: fever, headache, chills, aches and pains, and a rash that usually appears first on the wrists and ankles. These may appear anywhere from two days to two weeks after the bite, so make sure you keep a record of the date the tick was removed (they must be attached five to six hours before the disease is transmitted). Proper removal is to use tweezers or tissue paper and slowly pull straight back from the skin. Don't twist or jerk your movements because you could leave the mouth imbedded and this could cause a secondary infection. Be sure to wash the bite area and your hands well with soap and water after removal is complete.

How do you avoid tick bite? Keep shirts tucked into pants and pant-legs into socks; and avoid field borders, low vegetation, and brushy areas; check yourself and your children at least twice daily.

Please help us keep Cleveland County's reported cases low. Remember, if you develop a sudden headache and fever, go to the doctor immediately and tell him the date you removed the tick. This prompt action could save your life!

Betty Webb,
Cleveland County Health Department

Disagrees With Site

To The Editor:

In regards to the proposed ABC store site, I would like to say a little bit about how hard it will be to get in and out of this location and how unsafe the site is. I live across the street and 100 feet away from the site on Cleveland Avenue chosen by the ABC Board and my driveway also connects with Cleveland. The traffic is very heavy through this area. On some days I have to wait several minutes to get out of my driveway into the street, and when I do get out, I usually have to go around the block before I am able to head in the direction I want to go because the heavy traffic won't let me get across to the opposite lane. During the rush hours when people are going and coming from work, the traffic will be backed up from the signal light at Hardee's down past the Fire Museum. Anyone wishing to stop off at the proposed ABC store on their way home from work had better be prepared for a late supper.

I have seen half a dozen rear end collisions and a hundred near collisions right above the proposed ABC store site just within the year or so since I've lived here. People are turning against the traffic to get to the Community Center and other people who are in a hurry or coming off blind from the two side streets right above the Center plow into them. Often, I have seen huge, fully loaded transfer trucks have to lock their wheels down to avoid squashing a car waiting for another car to turn. Many times these narrowly missed cars were loaded with children being taken to or from East School, which is just a couple of blocks up the street.

Now the ABC Board wants to compound the problem with another deadly bottleneck. If the ABC store is put at this location, people will then start turning against traffic on the other side of the street too, and the consequences will be fatal. Vehicles coming from the bridge area are usually moving a lot faster. Maybe too fast to stop for a car load of children. The site chosen is unsafe and at the very least, extremely inconvenient. Add that to the fact that the land is priced double what another parcel would cost and it is plain to see that the site chosen is a bad choice.

There is already a bad odor drifting from City Hall concerning the annexation of the two stores out on Grover Road. Over the protests of all the residents there about disregarding the huge financial burden of providing city services that far away, the ABC board and City Council approved the annexation, just so these two stores can sell a few dollars worth of beer. The proposed ABC store location would be very convenient for me, but the sound of ambulances all day long would probably grate on my nerves. I hope the ABC Board reverses its decision on the proposed ABC store location and chooses a safer site. This proposal only adds to that aforementioned smell.

W.W. Strickland J.
2001 Cleveland Ave.

Crime Of The Week

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department is investigating several thefts in the Winter Park Community. Two thefts occurred in the 600 block of Popular Drive. In one, a red go-kart was stolen and another involved the theft of a Suzuki trail-bike motorcycle. The Suzuki trail bike had knob-tires with a blue seat and was painted blue and yellow.

The Sheriff's Department is also investigating the theft of a number of knives which occurred in the same area and is believed to be related. These knives range from 4½ inch sheath to 10 inch sheath knives and have special identification marks on either the handle or blade.

Confidentially on these or other crimes associated with Crime-stoppers is guaranteed. Those with information leading to an arrest or to the recovery on property become eligible to receive a reward of up to \$1,000.00. If you have information, call 481-TIPS.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET COLLINS
Funeral services for Margaret Lewis Collins, 52, of 1207 W. Gold St., who died Friday in Charlotte Memorial Hospital, were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. from First Wesleyan Church by Rev. John Harris and Rev. Harry D. Vance, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Collins was the daughter of Jessie Woods Lewis of Kings Mountain and the late Henry Lewis. A native of Rutherford County, she was employed as a secretary with Impact Plastics. She was the widow of Morris Ted Collins.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are two sons, Ted Collins of Gastonia and Ricky Collins of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Kimberly Butler of Kings Mountain; a brother, James Lewis of Kings Mountain; four sisters, Ruby Voight of Oxford, Peggy Costner of Gastonia, Dorothy Ledford and Patricia King of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BROADUS WILSON
Graveside services for Broadus Odell Wilson, 81, of Gaffney, S.C., formerly of Kings Mountain, were held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Frederick Memorial Gardens by Rev. Stewart Kersey and Rev. C.E. Hampton.

Mr. Wilson was husband of Ethel Dayberry Wilson and died May 21 in Brookview House in Gaffney, S.C. He was a native of Cherokee County, S.C., son of the late Lewis and Maude Hammett Wilson and a member of Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church and a retired textile employee.

Surviving are two sons, Everett Wilson of Spartanburg, S.C. and Lewis Eugene Wilson of Atlanta, Ga., one daughter, Mrs. Martha Ann Owens of Gaffney, S.C., one brother, Jesse Wilson of El Paso, Texas; 10 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Shuford Hatcher Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

PHILLIP LYNCH
Funeral services for Phillip Ward Lynch, 35, of 104 S. Juniper St., who died Monday in the Gaston Memorial Hospital, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. from First Baptist Church in Gastonia by Rev. T.L. Cashwell, Jr., Rev. J.C. Goare and Rev. Carroll

Henderson, interment following in Gaston Memorial Park.

A Gaston County native, he was the son of Betris D. Wiesener of the home and the late M. Cyle Lynch.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his stepfather, Carl Wiesener of the home; a son, Jeff Lynch of Charlotte; and three brothers, Morris K. Lynch of Jackson, Tenn., Danny Lynch of Waynesville and David Lynch of Knoxville, Tenn.

Carothers Funeral Home of Gastonia was in charge of arrangements.

NELLIE BURTON

Funeral services for Nellie Burton, 75, of Route 6, Country Side Road, who died Monday in the Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. from David Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Her pastor, Rev. Brian Taule, officiated and interment was in the church cemetery.

Miss Burton was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late John Harper and Laura Myrtle Goforth Burton.

Surviving are three brothers, Doc Burton, Fred Burton and Carl Burton, all of Kings Mountain; four sisters, Virgie Bennett of Fort Mill, S.C., Susan Hooks and Margaret King, both of Kings Mountain, and Laura Jane Houser of Antioch, S.C.

Nance Gets

25-Year

Sentence

Former Kings Mountain resident Billy J. Nance, 43, of Denver, received a 25 year prison sentence Thursday in connection with embezzling more than \$800,000 from Homelite Division of Textron, Inc.

Nance plead guilty to four counts of income tax invasion and received a five year prison sentence. He received an additional 20 year prison sentence on three counts of mail fraud, three counts of wire fraud and four counts of interstate transportation of stolen securities, according to U.S. Attorney Charles Brewer.

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Takes Beef

To State

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money." "Right now we need a spotlight on East Ridge Street and a spotlight on Woodside Drive for safety at the Community Center and East School areas", says Carpenter.

"I believe I have a legitimate complaint and I believe that whatever comes of these efforts of mine, and others, regarding control of traffic on N.C. 161, can only be to the benefit of East-Kings Mountain and the road's traveling public", he added.

Permit

Renewed

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The truck plaza's permit was renewed and the volume of discharge raised from 7,500 to 14,000 gallons.

More than half the people attending the meeting voiced their concern over a mica mine facility on the Grover Road which residents say causes a lot of dust in the area. Although the public hearing was called for the purpose of hearing only the Truck Plaza's request, EPA officials promised to check into the matter.

"I'm pleased that the public hearing was called and that people in the community had the foresight to attend and talk about all of our interests," Testa said. "We all want what's best for the environment and people of the community."

Here We Grow Again

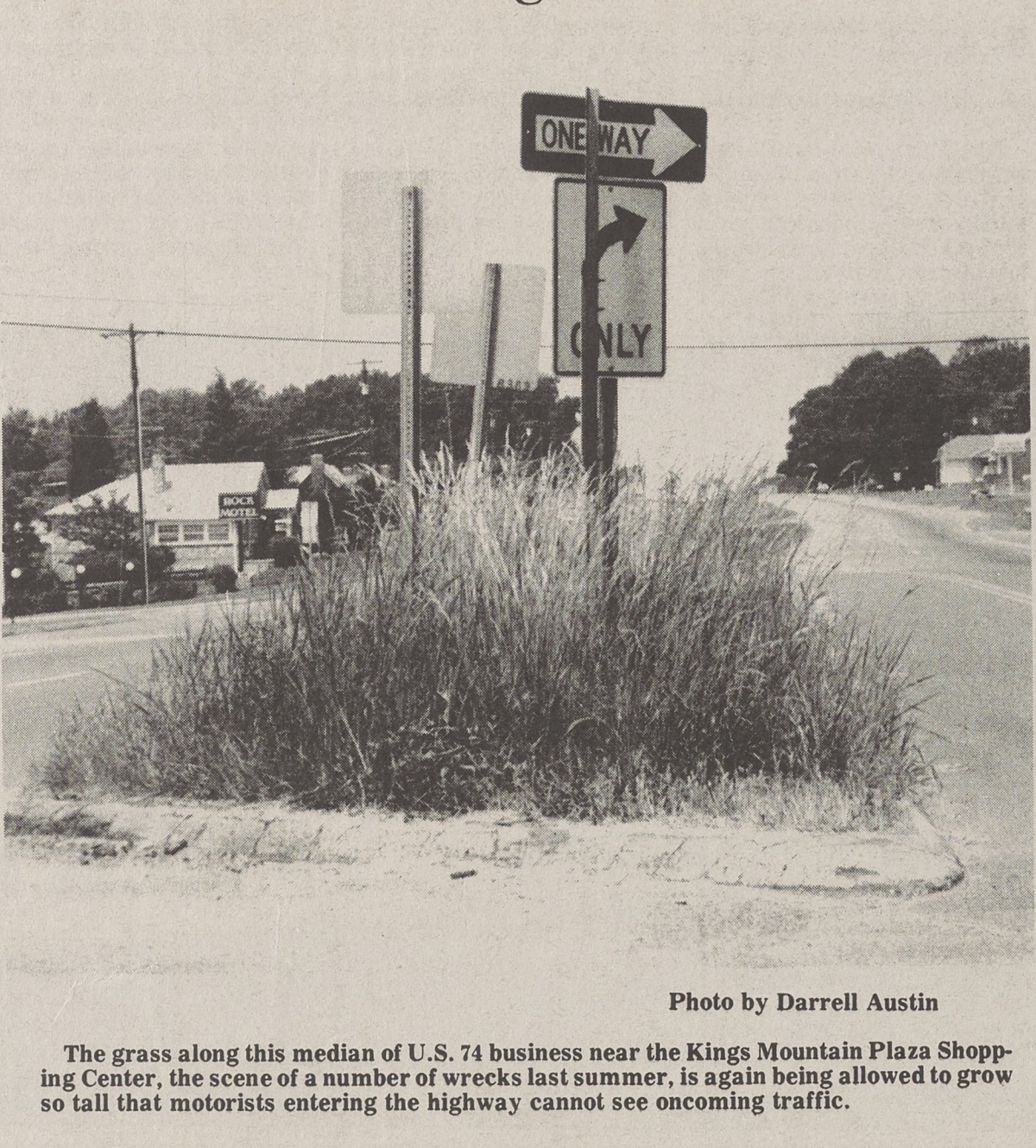


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The grass along this median of U.S. 74 business near the Kings Mountain Plaza Shopping Center, the scene of a number of wrecks last summer, is again being allowed to grow so tall that motorists entering the highway cannot see oncoming traffic.

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