

Hospice Deserves Our Support

Dear Editor:

I recently became acquainted with an agency in our county that up until a few months ago, I knew very little about. I'm afraid that all too many of our citizens share my ignorance about this important resource in our county. The organization to which I refer is Hospice.

Have you ever wondered how you would feel if your doctor told you you were terminally ill? It's not my purpose to try to describe to you how I felt, but to share with you how this wonderful organization came to my rescue.

For several months now, I have been completely bedfast. I have three registered nurses upon whom I can call - day or night. I am the only patient that one of these "angels of mercy" has. She averages seeing me at least two or three times each week and the other two nurses come at least once a week. Though my personal nurse is a volunteer R.N. who receives no monetary compensation for her work, she assures me that her rewards are great. I have the personal conviction that she has discovered the wonderful secret of finding the abundant life by losing her life in unselfish service for others. If I have a special need for any one of the nurses, she will come - day or night. They have a weekly team meeting to keep each other and the doctors advised of my physical condition.

So much for the physical. Now the contribution they make which I consider equally - or even more important. These nurses are caring and compassionate people. They make me feel like "I'm somebody". To them, I'm not somebody just "hanging around" waiting for his hour to come. I'm a real person with personal worth and dignity.

Had it not been for this organization, I would not be able to stay home - even though I have been blessed, beyond words to express, with the strong support of a loving family who does everything they possibly can to minister to my personal needs. Also, I have been blessed with the strong support of a compassionate church family who have found such a wide variety of ways to show their love. However, Hospice meets a need that my family or church family can not meet. It provides for me the medical resources that make it possible for me to receive the medical care at home that family and friends could not provide.

In addition to the nurses, there are volunteers who receive special training in this field. Each patient is assigned a volunteer who comes into the home to be of any help he or she can to meet the individual needs of the family.

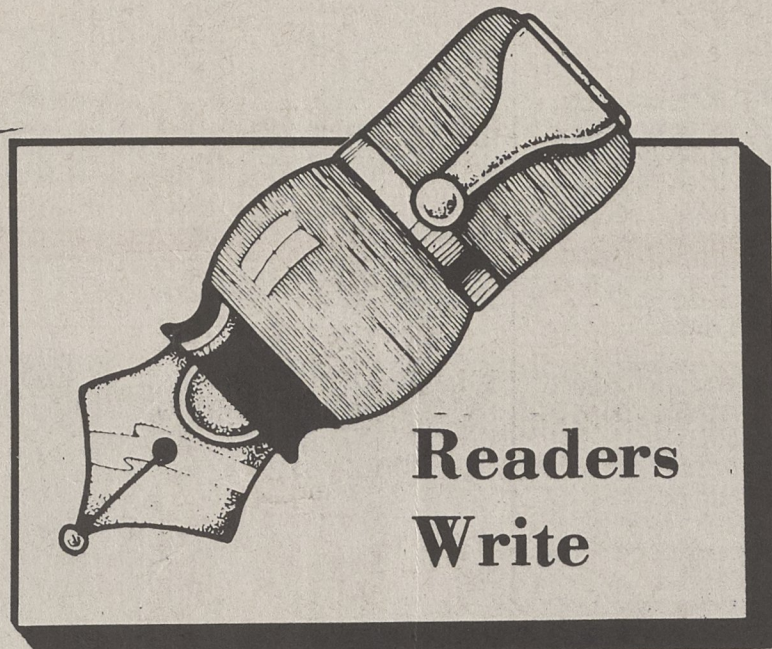
I think Hospice deserves all the help the citizens of this county can give - in money, prayers, and in encouragement.

DR. CLYDE D. CHAPMAN

Supports Pools In Schools

Dear Editor,

As a Pediatrician, I am very concerned with child health. One of the interesting aspects of this branch of medicine is the "seasonal" trends of illnesses, i.e., "flu season", "tick season", etc. As soon as the weather gets warm, accidents play an increased role in child health. This year drownings have been prominent in our area, with six or more in Gaston County, our much larger neighbor. "The Gastonia Gazette" in an editorial on 5-1-87 stated "If there is one thing needed in Gaston County, it is more instruction in how to swim, how to respect the water and how to save oneself if trouble arises...it would seem that schools, even though they do not have pools, could work out schedules to send students to the Y or some other pool for instruction in swimming. "...Wouldn't the School Board be a good place to start with such a project?"



Readers Write

Next time you see a board member, why not poke him in the ribs and ask him why he doesn't have such a program."

I certainly agree with the above sentiments and feel good that here in Kings Mountain we are doing (or soon will be) what other, larger cities are still talking about. I feel that our citizens, city government, and school board can be proud of their positive actions in working with the Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Association in making this type of school instructional swimming program a reality. The actual construction of the Indoor Pool will soon begin; and once the facility is complete, the education program will be implemented.

The Gastonia Gazette in a 6-6-87 editorial continued, "Nobody is too old to learn to swim. And nobody is too old to use good judgment when fooling around with water."

I am proud that we in Kings Mountain "Use good judgment when fooling around with water." It will make our jobs easier (doctors, rescue squads, emergency rooms), and help reduce the human suffering due to water-related tragedies.

Sincerely,
Martin W. Stallings, M.D.

Crime Of The Week

The Kings Mountain Police Department through Crime Stoppers is seeking information regarding the recent larceny from the Ferguson Plonk residence located at 906 Crescent Circle, Some time between the hours of 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 and 7 a.m. Thursday, July 9, person or persons removed from the garage area one Simplicity tractor and mowing deck, one Ariens mower and one Merry Tiller. The description of the tractor and mowing deck, both are red in color, mowing deck being a 42 inch cut; the Ariens mower is dark orange in color.

Anyone having information about this or other crimes in the area may call 481-TIPS to become eligible for reward up to \$1,000.00. All information will be confidential.

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The Herald welcomes your letters to the editor and news stories and pictures for publication in each Wednesday's paper.

We ask that you observe the following deadlines when submitting articles or letters.

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The Herald reserves the right to edit the letters for spelling, libel, or any other reason, and reserves the right to reject a letter for any reason.

Mail your letters to Letter to the Editor, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.

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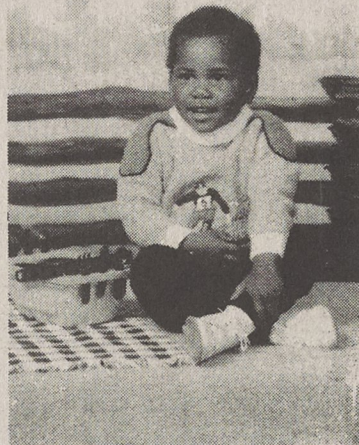
JESSICA HUSKEY

Jai Jai Notes

Second Birthday

Jessica Nichole (Jai Jai) Huskey celebrates her second birthday July 23rd.

Jessica is the daughter of Kathi Ellis of Kings Mountain and Lewis Huskey of Shelby. She is the granddaughter of Ruth Ellis of Kings Mountain and Jessie and Mattie Huskey and great-granddaughter of Mamie Huskey and Roberta Anderson.



DEJUAN JONES

Dejuan Jones

Three Years Old

Dejuan Martinez Jones celebrated his third birthday Sunday, July 26, at a party at McDonald's.

DeJuan's mother, Mrs. Stacey Jones, hosted the party which was attended by friends and relatives.

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July 27, 7:30 PM Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain
July 28, 10:30 AM Church of God, Kings Mountain
July 28, 7:30 PM First Wesleyan Church, Bessemer City

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