

# Opinions

## OUR VIEW

## PICTORIAL

## Your Right To Say It

### Boat Safely

Operating a boat while intoxicated is illegal and it is dangerous. It has been determined that more than 50 percent of the boating accidents that result in death can be traced to alcohol use.

Alcohol affects the body in many ways - induces fatigue, a lack of coordination and lack of balance. The stressors in the marine environment compound the effects of alcohol, says the National Safe Boating Council.

It has been shown that under normal conditions, the motion, vibration and engine noise of the boat, combined with the sun, wind and glare, cause the boat operator to suffer serious impairment in coordination and reaction time. Add alcohol to this, warns the Council, and you have a dangerous mix. The Council advises the boater heading home at the end of the day to slow down.

Kings Mountain City Ordinance prohibits possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on city-owned property, including the John H. Moss Lake.

### Bad Move

Mayor Edward Koch of New York City says he will issue an executive order granting bereavement leave to homosexuals and unmarried heterosexuals whose "domestic partners" die. The mayor states further he would entertain granting health insurance benefits to the same groups.

The mayor, if he follows through on his promise, would be opening the largest can of worms in the history of local government.

Try this. An employee who is homosexual loses a friend to AIDS. His friend isn't his "domestic partner" but who is to know? So the homosexual employee claims insurance benefits for his dead friend and nobody is the wiser. The same could happen with a heterosexual employee. Who loses? The insurance company who has been bilked and the public whose taxes go up due to increased insurance rates.

And what about morality? Such an act would place a symbolic stamp of approval on perversion and immorality in this nation's largest city. And you can bet the practice would spread like water on a waxed tabletop.

Hopefully, the people of New York will not allow their mayor to misuse his executive powers as he seems intent on doing. The repercussions of such an order would be devastating.



**Lib Stewart**

### Kiser 'Reuning' For 40 Years

The month of July is traditionally reunion time for clans who usually meet during vacation season when plants are shut down for the week of the Fourth holiday.

During a time when annual family reunions are becoming a thing of the past, the children of Annie Mae Payseur and the late Tyree H. Kiser and their families cling to tradition. The Tyree Kiser families have been getting together once a year for the past 40 years without fail. Tyree and Annie Mae Payseur Kiser had three sons: Tyree H. Kiser Jr., James W. Kiser and Kenneth G. Kiser. James W. Kiser died Dec. 22, 1984.

This year, the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the Tyree Kisers spent the day in Charlotte recently at the home of Priscilla Kiser Innes and her husband, Bob, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Julia. Priscilla is the daughter of the late James W. and Elizabeth Wright Kiser of Bessemer City.

The noon luncheon prepared by Priscilla was served buffet style with meat, vegetables, salads, fruit, dessert, bread and drinks served from the kitchen and dining room tables. They then moved to the country front porch where tables and chairs were set for the 30 guests. Afterwards, some of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren played basketball while others reminisced of memorable experiences around the tables and enjoyed a Kiser and Payseur family album prepared by Kenneth Kiser Jr. Kenneth Jr. is working on the Kiser genealogy in hopes of publishing a book soon.

Family members present for the reunion with Mrs. Tyree Kiser of Bessemer City were former Bessemer City residents, Tyree Jr. and Sarah Crowe Kiser of Cullowee and their families; Captain James W. Kiser of New Jersey and Jenny Kiser Finch and family of Bessemer City (children of the late James W. and Elizabeth Wright Kiser); Ken and Dot Jolly Kiser of Bessemer City; former Bessemer City residents Kenneth Jr. and Nancy Kiser; Tyler and Tammie Kiser; and Frank and Leigh Ann Kiser Hovis and family, all of Gastonia.

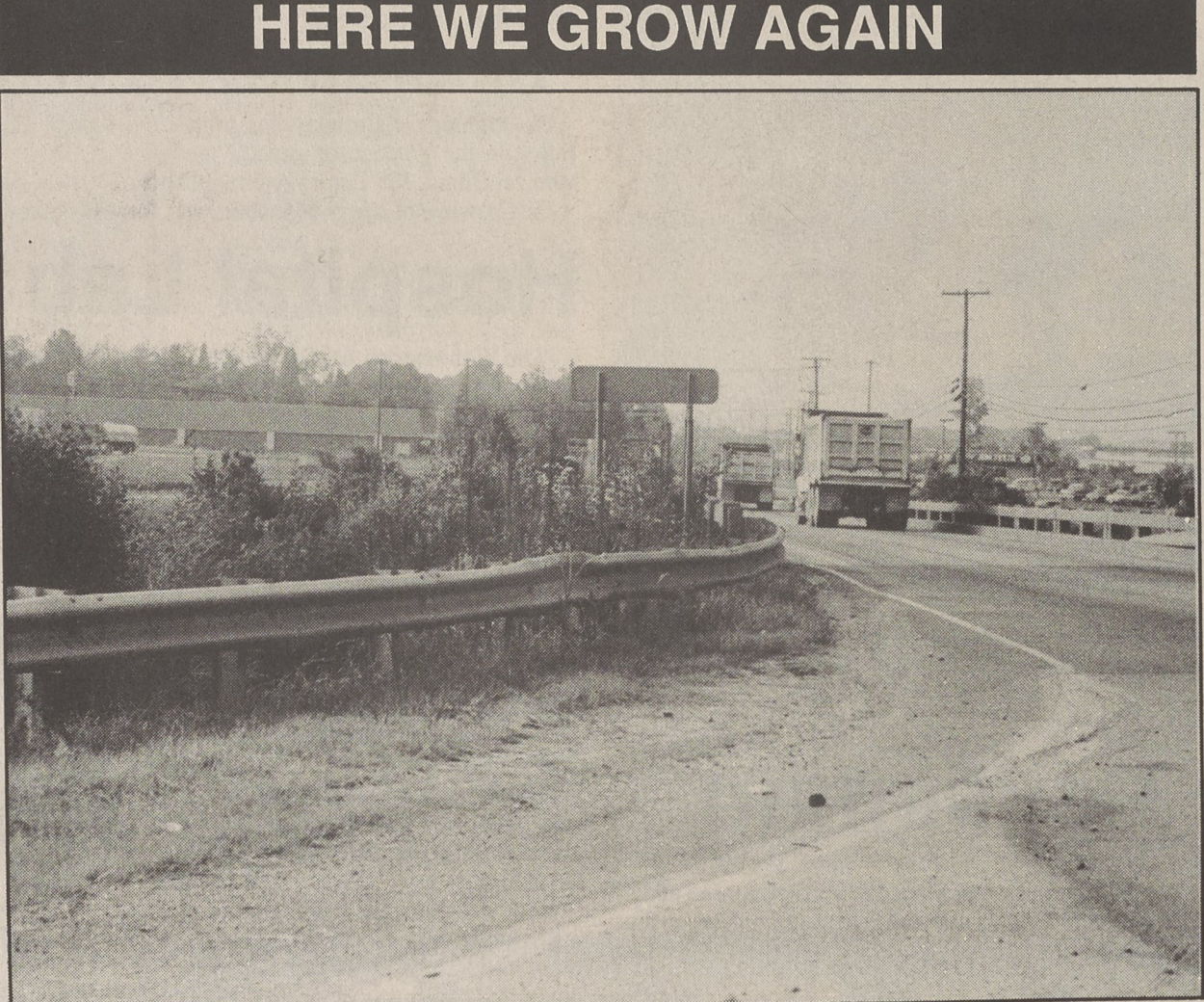
### Letter Policy

The Herald welcomes your letters to the editor for publication in each week's paper. We ask that you use the following guidelines when submitting letters:

Letters should be brief and to the point. If possible, type and double space them, but sign them in ink and include your full name, address and telephone number for verification purposes.

We reserve the right to edit the letters for spelling, libel, and any other reason, and reserve the right to reject any letter for any reason. Under no circumstances will unsigned letters be published, and hand-delivered letters will not be published.

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



Motorists coming off the northbound ramp of I-85 at Highway 161 have a hard time seeing any traffic going south on 161. The weeds along the side of the bridge are allowed to grow much more than head-high and this is the sight people see from their driver's seat. Maybe while Governor Martin and the General Assembly are playing politics over the proposed \$8 billion highway package, they can spare a few hundred bucks for a couple of weed eaters.

## Superstitions...

A few weeks ago I had car trouble on my way home from work. I had about an hour to wait for the tow truck, and I spotted a patch of clover beside the road. To kill time I began to look for four-leaf clovers.

I found a bunch of them and gathered a hand full, along with several of the five-leaf variety.

By the time I got home the clovers had wilted considerably, but my wife, Ann, wanted to save some of them so she told me to press them between the pages of a book. While I was separating them, I showed her a couple of the five-leaf clovers and she said, "oh, I wouldn't worry about those, I don't know whether they bring good luck or not."

I thought that was funny. Then I realized how superstitious my wife is. I can tell you she believes in any and all good luck charms or bad luck signs.

When we were young newlyweds I was about to purchase an opal necklace for her but she nixed the idea because, according to her, opals are bad luck. I'd never heard that before.

Everybody knows about the usual superstitions: step on a crack break your mother's back, three on a match (something my wife would never do), never walk under a ladder, black cats, etc., but I keep hearing about the new ones. New to me at least.

My grandmother, for example, used to say if you throw your hat on the bed the house will burn down and to spit in the fire invites all manner of catastrophe.

Ann told me another one the other night I'd never heard before. It seems that if you place your shoes on the table a headache is sure to follow. I don't know if the headache is a natural phenomenon or caused by your wife hitting you over the head with the shoes, but anyway there it is.

There is a young lady named Tina who works for my oldest son, who owns Mike's Pet Shack at Gaston Mall in Gastonia. She says if you find a penny and it is lying face down, don't pick it up. That's supposed to be bad luck also. Now don't get me wrong, Tina will pick up as many quarters as she can handle, regardless of whether or not they are face down. Tina's superstitious, not dumb.

Baseball players are notoriously superstitious. Some of them won't step on the baseline when they are going to their positions in the field, others will go out of their way to touch a certain base when they are leaving the field for their turn at bat. Still others will pick up any pin they find, whether it be hair pins, safety pins for straight pins, equating them with base hits. I suppose they'd even pick up bowling pins if they happened upon them somewhere.

I have no idea where all these superstitions come from, but I can tell you this. I have a friend in Miami and the day after I found the four-leaf clovers I sent him six numbers to play on the Florida lottery. Four of the numbers hit and I won 65 dollars.



**Jim Heffner**

It's the truth, so help me.

**BENDING THE LAW** - Speaking of bowling pins, Did you ever wonder why ten pins are used as opposed to say, 12 or 14? Well, the practice of using ten pins originated in colonial America as a means of circumventing a gaming law. An eighteenth century ordinance in Connecticut stated that, "bowling at nine pins" was illegal. Offenders were known to be jailed or placed in the stocks. Bowlers, who will do almost anything to participate in the game they love, added an extra pin. the game became known as ten pins. Said name stuck as did the number of pins.

**HISTORY LESSON** - Independence Day was such a stay-in type day, I spent most of it lazing around the house (is lazing a word?). While thumbing through a book about the Declaration Of Independence, I stumbled onto a oddity. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. Both men were presidents and are considered founders of this country. They were friends, although they did disagree from time to time, as politicians will do. Jefferson wrote the Declaration and Adams served on a committee assigned to make certain changes. Adams died at 5 in the afternoon. His last words were: "Jefferson lives on." He didn't know that Thomas Jefferson had passed away several hours earlier, but, in retrospect, he was right—Jefferson does live on.

**NATURE LESSON** - I've got a fig tree in my back yard, and, every year, I look forward to the ripening of these healthful, succulent fruits. The tree always produce a spectacular crop. This year, the figs are almost as big as baseballs. I haven't eaten a single one. There are two catbirds hanging out in that tree and as soon as a fig begins to ripen, they dig in. I got so disgusted, I purchased a BB gun, placed a steel pit in the tree, and peppered the pot every time I saw a catbird come near it. I've got the catbirds on the run but the clanging of the pot has attracted a squirrel ant that scoundrel doesn't even wait for the figs to ripen—he likes them green.

I give up. Maybe I shouldn't have spent \$30 to save \$4 worth of figs.

### Thanks

Dear Editor: Oh behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department staff and member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, I would like to thank the several hundred residents who braved the stormy weather and joined us in celebrating July 4th at the Deal Street Recreation Complex. Special thanks goes to our area merchants who gave so freely and helped make the day's activities fun for those who participated.

Those merchants are: Allen's Flower Shop, Amanda D's, Bridges Textiles, C & S Mart, Christmas Emporium, Cooper's Furniture, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Dicey Fabrics, Floating Affections, Griffin's Drug, Home Federal Savings and Loan, Kings Mountain Farm Center, Kings Mountain Pool and Garden, Love's Fish Box, McGinnis Department Store, Peggy's Restaurant, Phifer Hardware, Pizza Hut, Plonk Brothers & Co., Sagesport, Sub Factory, Western Auto, and Sandra Wilson Realty.

Perhaps the most frustrating event of the entire day was the cancellation of the fireworks display. With an extensive preparation time required for the display and the continuous rainfall, we were left with no choice but to cancel this year's show.

In our continuing effort to provide a balanced, quality program of parks, recreation, and special events for the residents of Kings Mountain, we would welcome suggestions for July 4, 1990 or any other programs we are conducting. Residents are asked to call 734-0449 with their ideas which we will note and perhaps incorporate into our programs.

Again, thanks to all who contributed to and participated in our July 4, 1989 activities.  
**J. DAVID HANCOCK, DIRECTOR**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN PARKS AND RECREATION

### ...Thanks Again

Dear Editor: In the past, your newspaper has been instrumental in disseminating information about the Epilepsy Association of North Carolina, and I would like to express my appreciation. Judging from our meeting attendance, community members are responding to the articles published in your columns.

This month we have a speaker that is known nationally for his work in the field of epilepsy. Robert J. Mittan, Ph.D., director of Neuropsychology and Psychology at Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital, has lectured about seizure disorders in New Zealand and most recently in Australia. Dr. Mittan is available for an interview at your convenience and can be reached at 704-338-490. We are requesting once again your assistance in informing your readership.

If you have any questions about the service and programs we offer, I would be more than happy to talk to you. I can be reached at 704-586-6677.

Your efforts are appreciated.  
**CATALINA E. ROFLOC**  
WESTERN FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For every kind of beast and bird, of redptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:7-8

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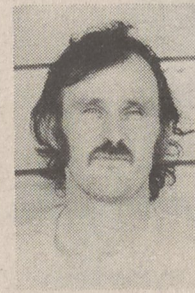
### Should People Be Allowed to Burn The Flag?



**JUANITA FOSTER**  
"I wouldn't want to see the flag burned. It takes away from what people died for."



**PANSY SELF**  
"I think it's a disgrace. Anyone burning the flag should be deported."



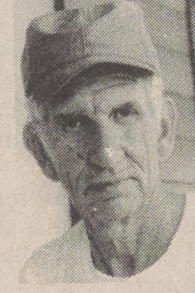
**ROBERT ISLER**  
"I just don't think they should burn it. A lot of people died for that flag."



**MARIE C. DELLINGER**  
"I think people shouldn't be allowed to burn the flag. Too many men and women lost their lives defending it."



**JULIE BEAM**  
"I don't think they should be allowed to burn it. People shouldn't have that right."



**MORRIS SMITH**  
"I don't think they should. People should be patriotic."