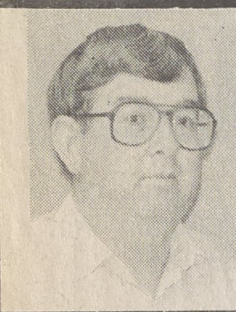


Opinions

OUR VIEW



Gary Stewart

Read And Think

My son, Dee, brought a paper home from school the other day that I got the biggest kick out of. It was given by Julia Wood, a teacher at the junior high, and was a list of questions to which the answers are counties in North Carolina.

It's really a thought-provoking exercise. With Mrs. Wood's permission, I'm running them here. Most of them are easy if you read and think.

Get out a state map, or a list of the counties which you may have in a history book or encyclopedia, and test your knowledge of North Carolina and U.S. history.

- 1 - What do you call a pig in a rocking chair?
- 2 - Who was one of the strongest men in the world?
- 3 - What rhymes with Nancy?
- 4 - Who was our 16th president?
- 5 - What could you call a man with lots of money?
- 6 - Who is Rudolph's twin brother?
- 7 - What is left after a fire?
- 8 - What is the high mountain peak?
- 9 - If you don't move fast, how do you move?
- 10 - What does a fish drive?
- 11 - Who discovered America?
- 12 - How did the lady wrestler beat her opponent?
- 13 - What happens when you pass a tank?
- 14 - Who was the first president of the U.S.?
- 15 - What is the color of grass?
- 16 - What is a good juice for breakfast?
- 17 - What do you say to a tree?
- 18 - Where does Dracula live?
- 19 - What is another name for a hole?
- 20 - Name an Indian tribe?
- 21 - What is a kind of stew?
- 22 - What is a kind of pie you make with apples?
- 23 - What is a kind of cracker?
- 24 - What do you do in the morning?
- 25 - Who was the Confederate general at Bentonville?
- 26 - What was baby Virginia's last name?
- 27 - What lets you through fences?
- 28 - What is used to make pottery?
- 29 - Who is famous for flying a kite?
- 30 - What was Dr. Jekyll's other name?
- 31 - Who was the leader of the Confederate soldiers?
- 32 - What do you take when you are sick?
- 33 - What was the Northern army called during the Civil War?
- 34 - What is another name for a human being?
- 35 - How do you feel when you make a mistake?
- 36 - What happens when you are mad and grit your teeth?
- 37 - Since it's a fine town, what is it called?
- 38 - Who was "The Great" emperor?
- 39 - Who can go if all can?
- 40 - If you don't have enough, what do you want?
- 41 - Who was president two different times?
- 42 - What is the name of one of the sounds?
- 43 - What is another name for a football helmet?
- 44 - What call can start a square dance?
- 45 - If you really want some chocolate, how do you feel?
- 46 - What does the quarterback say to the center?
- 47 - What was President Hayes' first name?
- 48 - What did the country boy say when asked who ate the pie?
- 49 - Who wore a coonskin hat?
- 50 - By which end do you not hold a knife?
- 51 - If Mr. Brown and his boy child form a business, what could they call it?
- 52 - What mountain range forms part of the Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.
- 53 - If you speak pig language, what is it called?
- 54 - What family famous in tobacco is remembered in a county name?
- 55 - When you plan ahead, what do you have?
- 56 - If you have a lot of petroleum, what do you have?
- 57 - What is a breed of cattle?
- 58 - What is a common last name?
- 59 - Who is North Carolina's governor?
- 60 - What is a country in Britain?
- 61 - What does the man do to the fire to keep it burning?
- 62 - When mother didn't want Lee to sit down, what did she say?

(Answers on page 8-A, don't peek)

Your Right To Say It

Donations Asked For Ball Players

TO THE EDITOR:

Four players from the 1989 Kings Mountain High School 3-A State Championship baseball team (Keith Allen, Paul Brannon, Chad Plonk, Chris Plonk) have been selected to represent their community and state in an International Baseball Tournament to be held in Australia December 19-31. The team will be coached by Mike Roberts, head coach of baseball at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The cost of the trip will be \$2,750. per player and will hopefully be raised through a community fund raising. This trip will not only be a chance to play teams from other countries (Korea, Japan, China, Puerto Rico, Taiwan,) but will also be an educational and cultural experience as well.

These young men are now very busy practicing weekends in Chapel Hill preparing for this trip which is fast approaching. We hope that the money can be raised throughout our community as it could possibly open many doors for them in the future and give Kings Mountain much recognition too!

If you would like to contribute to this fund please mail your contribution to "Baseball Australia", First Citizens Bank, Kings Mountain, N.C. If you would like more information please call Betty Plonk (739-4437) or Mary Brannon (739-8961).

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Betty Plonk
Mary Brannon



MARGARET AND MARGIE SMITH...AT AGE 9

Seeing Double At Senior Center

For more than two years now participants in the Kings Mountain Aging Program at the Depot have been seeing double.

Every morning shortly before 9 a.m. Margaret Smith Bowles and Margie Smith Pursley drive up in city vans to pick senior citizens up to take them to the Depot for programs and to accompany them on shopping trips and outings. At 1:30 p.m. they complete their routes.

Margie and Margaret are twins and their 63rd birthday today will be no different than any other day. They will be operating the senior van as usual and singing as they drive along.

Margaret started working at the Senior Center over seven years ago and her enthusiasm for the program and the five-hour-a day job prompted Margie, who was then the assistant manager at Family Dollar, to apply for a driver's job too.

On some occasions, they make up songs about various passengers and the passengers join along. When they aren't singing from the driver's seat they are busy participating in and directing the Swinging Mountaineers composed of two dozen senior citizens who play and sing for the enjoyment of themselves and others.

Active in Four Square Church they reared a large family. Margaret is the mother of four children: Fred Davidson of California, Georgia Strickland of Sanford, Jenny Rayfield of Cherryville and Joy Dellinger of Kings Mountain. The family includes 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Margie is mother of nine children and is married to Howard Pursley. The family includes Carlos Victor Stalcup of Gastonia, Rev. Oscar Stalcup of Kings Mountain, Yvonne Tucker of White, Ga., Thomas B. Stalcup of Kings Mountain, Ronald F. Stalcup of Greenville, S.C., Teresa Diane Haynes of Kings Mountain, Timothy J. Stalcup of Brevard, Norma Jeanette Pursley Hovis of Kings Mountain and Tommy Pursley of High Point. The family includes 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



MARGARET BOWLES...NOW



Lib Stewart

Although neither twin has had her music published, each discovered each other's talent while growing up in a family of 12 children on a farm in Picolet, S.C. They recalled their dresses were made by their mother of printed flour sacks which they wore proudly. They recalled taking fatback meat biscuits to the cotton fields where they drank water from a spring and picked cotton until dark. They also walked miles to a country school, sang in the church choir and yodeled to the delight of their school and church friends. They performed as "Bobbie Twins" and sang with such groups as Tommy Faille and the Briarhoppers, Arthur Smith and Fred Kirby. They composed their own songs and Margaret sent one of the songs to Nashville, Tennessee in hopes that it would be published in memory of her mother.

Margaret also wrote "Annie Get Your Gun" after seeing the movie starring Annie Oakley. When the twins entertain at Senior Citizen events and parties they use their combined blend of songs and poems with new renditions about the people they meet daily in the senior citizen program.

Although they do not dress identically and have changed their hair style over the years, the Smith twins are identical.

Everywhere they go a new song keeps popping up. The Swinging Senior Band starts playing and the twins lead the entertainment, assisted by Biddy Barrett, who is in her 80's, at the piano.



MARGIE PURSLEY...NOW

Wanting An Honest Budget

Dear Editor,

In the next few weeks, Congress will be faced with tough choices about our fiscal policy, the rapidly mounting federal debt, and our Nation's future. Unfortunately, the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget law has made the budget process an exercise in self-deception. The President and Congress have hidden tens of billions of deficit dollars from public view, claiming all the while that the deficit was being reduced.

Since I came to Congress three years ago, I have been arguing for an honest budget, one that represents the debt and deficit clearly, and works to reduce both. Honesty starts when the budget stops using Social Security to hide the deficit. For two years, I have been pushing for legislation to protect the effort will come a step closer to fruition this week when the Senate Democratic Leadership endorses a plan to separate Social Security from the budget process.

However, we still have a long way to go before we have an honest budget and fiscal sanity. This year, I have made a number of statements on the Senate floor in an effort to remind my colleagues of the stakes in this game of budget smoke and mirrors. We have placed the future of an entire generation in hock. Worse still, we have lied to them about the nature and magnitude of the deficit threat.

Sincerely,
Terry Sanford

Letter Policy

The Kings Mountain Herald welcomes your letters to the editor for publication in each week's paper. We ask that you follow these guidelines when presenting letters:

All letters must be brief and to the point. Type and double space them, if possible, but sign them in ink and include the entire name, address and telephone number for verification purposes.

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Hurricane Hugo Brought Back Memories

The recent power outages caused by Hugo started me thinking about my youthful days in York, S.C. again.

We lived at number 6 Congress Street, which is to say the Travora Mill village. The Travora, at that time, was called "the little mill" and most of the people who lived on the South side of town worked there. The Travora warehouse was just across the railroad from our home and was known in the neighborhood as "the red building" for obvious reason.

The first few years of my life, we didn't have electricity. None of the houses on Congress Street had electrical power. They were mill houses, and the owners spent as little as possible on upkeep. They were cheap to rent, however, as well they should have been.

We used kerosene lamps, and I have a vivid memory of my father standing on the front porch, at just about dusk, cleaning one of the lamp globes. He would blow his breath inside the globe, causing a cloudy mist to form on the thin glass, then wipe it clean with a cloth. Dad was an expert at trimming wicks, an art I've never been able to master.

I don't remember how old I was but I do remember when they finally installed electricity in the houses on Congress Street. The sub station was just across the street from our house, less than 50 yards away. Each room in the house was equipped with a single bulb hanging from the end of a fabric-covered cord about



Jim Heffner

four feet long. No shade--just light.

Indoor plumbing was installed after our family left York in 1946. Prior to that time we shared an outside spigot with our next door neighbor. The fixture was located exactly between the two houses. Almost everyone who lived on Congress Street was related, so naturally, our next door neighbor was a member of the family. As a matter of fact, Aunt Della lived there.

Della Heffner recently passed away, a couple of months after her 100th birthday. She lived in Kings Mountain at the time, Waco Road I believe, with one of her sons, Bill, and his wife Marie. She was a lovely woman. In all my life I have never heard anyone, in or out of our family, say anything bad about Aunt Della. It's been a few years since I saw her, but I would have

made book that she would survive me. She was always spry and healthy, forever smiling and could out walk any three people. But that's another story.

Remember those blackouts during World War II? All we had to do was blow out the lamps.

Funny, I don't think about those days without electricity as being unduly difficult. There were no conveniences to speak of, so they weren't missed. It certainly is different today. I can't think of many things as unappealing as losing electrical power for a week. But, those of us who lost power survived, and, being the flexible people we are in the South, I have the feeling that if electricity was taken away from us permanently, we would adapt.

THE WHISTLING TROUBADOUR

The Travora Mill village was blessed with a unique form of entertainment. We had a resident, Joe Brakefield, who had a habit of whistling wherever he went, or even just sitting on his front porch. He lived across the railroad from us, but on a quiet summer evening his lilting notes bathed the entire neighborhood with the latest tunes from the hit parade, and all the golden oldies. Man could he ever whistle! I don't know whether Joe is still living, I suspect he is, but, wherever he is, you can just bet he's whistling up a storm.

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