

Opinions

Your Right To Say It

Write service personnel

To the editor:
First, I would like to thank you very much for printing my letter, and second, I would like to share the latest news I have. I have just heard that the "Eisenhower" is on its way back home. (I hope this news was not confidential, I don't want to be the cause of a "leak.") Also, I should state that the USS Kennedy is replacing the Eisenhower, which has been on its six month Mediterranean tour since March. This was the normal schedule for these two carriers, but no one was sure what was going to take place because of the crisis in the Middle East. Again, I hope I am not giving away any military secrets).

Anyway, in regards to the contents of my last letter, I have cut out of the Charlotte paper addresses where anyone may write to any of the branches of our military, and these addresses are enclosed.

I also saw in your paper that a local flower shop was donating yellow ribbons to the Police Department for their vehicles. What a wonderful idea, but why not take it one step further. Why can't everyone have yellow ribbons on their vehicles, or on their front doors, mail boxes, anywhere you can put one. This can also be done with small flags. Put them everywhere, show your support proudly. I have always heard of the fierce pride the Southern people have for family, that they stand up for their brothers and sisters no matter what. Well, the men and women in the service of their country are family to all of us and should be supported in any way that we can think of. The large and small businesses around the area should also get involved. Does anyone out there have any suggestions or ideas? If so, please pass them on.

Thank you again for your time, and if you should see your way clear to print another of my patriotic ramblings, I thank you for that also. It makes one feel good to know that the small voice can be heard.

Sincerely,
Travis Tague,

Addresses:
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Operation Brave Heart, C/O Operation Desert Shield, APO New York, N.Y. 09348-0006.

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Important Notch events

To the editor:
The following is an open letter to the Notch victims of Cleveland County.

Two events of considerable importance have recently occurred in our tireless determination to win the support of Congress on the Notch issue before it adjourns in early October until next year.

As the result of the adoption on July 26, 1990 of our Notch House Resolution 2411 by unanimous vote of the General Assembly of North Carolina, our state has become the 15th in the nation to adopt such a resolution. In terms of state support and its expected impact on proposed Notch reform legislation currently awaiting the attention of the 101st Congress, this testimonial represents a major contribution to the Notch issue. As Notch activists, J.D. Champion and I are pleased to have been instrumental in affording Rep. Edith L. Lutz the opportunity to address this issue before the General Assembly, a task she most generously undertook and so successfully implemented on behalf of the Notch victims of this state. I take this opportunity, on behalf of all of you, to express publicly our gratitude and sincerest thanks to Mrs. Lutz and her fellow Representatives Jack Hunt and Buchanan, whose sponsorship of House Resolution 2411 enable its adoption.

Our statewide Notch convention of August 16, held in Lexington with some 640 persons in attendance, was our best meeting to date in terms of both numbers and the presentations made by our speakers, especially those of North Carolina's Bill Hefner and Allen Johnston of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. Both speakers were extremely optimistic in their acknowledgment of the possibility of resolving the Notch inequity during the final deliberations of the 101st Congress. Should the Notch victims of this state heed (and I trust they will) Rep. Bill Hefner's advice to write their congressmen and senators on Capitol Hill, urging those who do not support Notch reform to do so, and according those who do a vote of thanks, perhaps even further gains will be made in our determination to win the Notch battle.

Allen Johnston cited and distributed copies of Senator Tom Harkin's (D-Iowa) floor state that he plans to offer for Notch reform as an amendment similar to Senator Sanford's proposal when the Senate considers an extension of the National Debt limit in late September or early October. Let's hope that this "package" flies!

Please remember that communication is the "key" and that it's your responsibility to use it by writing both Congressman Ballenger and Senator Helms, urging them to support this state's position on Notch reform, as reflected by its adoption of House Resolution 2411.

Sincerely,
Harold Loveless

Researches chemicals

DEAR EDITOR,
Today, there is a growing concern about the widespread use of dangerous chemicals in everything from the food we eat to the water we drink to the air fresheners we use to eliminate noxious odors.

I have been doing some market research to find products that are chemical free and have found a variety of products from foods to make up and even air fresheners at a variety of price ranges and I would like to share my information with others who are concerned about what we expose ourselves to in our daily lives.

If anyone would like information about how to avoid chemicals and still function in American Society please send a SASE to:

JEAN BURGER
905 BOYCE ST.
KINGS MTN. N.C. 28086
OR CALL 739-3156

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Americans have short memories about energy

The whiners are back. Every time this country gets into an energy crunch, that same old crowd starts their all too familiar ailment.

"We're energy hogs," they'll say. "We use (1) 25%, (2) 35%, (3) 40%, (4) 55% (take your pick) of the world's oil," they'll say.

They never mention that we use that oil to produce a larger percentage of the world's goods than any other country.

But the whiners, even though I hate to admit it, are correct when they chastise us for not being more conservative in the use of energy.

After the 1973 energy crisis, (partially created, I am convinced, by Henry Kissinger), the populace got hooked on conservation and alternative sources. Automobile manufacturer began producing smaller, more gasoline-efficient vehicles. New appliances, designed to operate on less fuel, became the norm. Builders used more insulation into the construction of homes and commercial properties. Everybody got into the act, and what happened?

What happened was that the price of oil began a steady decline, and in the past few years, has been almost affordable.

Also, during the past few years, people have grown complacent. More big cars are being purchased and the careless use of energy has reached the rampant stage again.

I've always said that Americans have short memories.

Anyway, we're back in a lurch again as far as energy is concerned, and we need to do something about it.

Many worked hard to make opening good

Many thank you's are appropriate as we look back on the first two weeks of school for 1990-91.

-First and foremost to the faculties and staffs at all of our schools for efforts above and beyond the call of duty. Between re-organization, construction, air conditioning problems, and asbestos removal clean-up most of our folks worked extra hours and extra days, including week-ends, to get ready for school. They have done a super job and deserve the entire community's appreciation.

-To our parents and students who have patiently waited as we worked to refine the traffic situations on Phifer Road and Gaston Street, to iron out schedule problems and overloaded classrooms, and to smooth out bus routes.

-To Bob Myers who does an excellent job of keeping traffic moving through a difficult situation on Phifer Road.

-To our maintenance department which has logged a great deal of extra time and effort in assisting our schools to be prepared to open with as little disruption as possible.

-To the Kings Mountain Herald for providing its usual excellent coverage of news relating to the opening of school. Many systems do not enjoy this service.

As of the fifth day of school we have enrolled

JIM
HEFFNER
●
Columnist

The government will do nothing. It will always be up to the individual to bail out the government.

What can we do? we can take up where we left off a few years ago. We can add insulation to our homes, put in storm, and double-glazed windows, caulk, weatherstrip, etc.

Everything we do has an effect and if everyone does what he can, the free market will take care of oil prices.

The same thing that was said in 1973 applies now. We can, as individuals and as a nation, work toward getting off the foreign oil hook by decreasing the demand for oil and electric power, by increasing the efficiency of our energy use and by developing supplies from alternate sources such as coal, wood and the sun.

Here are some of the things you as an individual can do. They are simple steps and they will save you money as well as cut down on the use of oil on a national level.

First of all, make sure your car is tuned properly, keep it serviced and be sure your tires are inflated to the correct level.

Change the furnace filter in your house on a regular basis.

Bob
McRae

3877,111 more students than on that day last year. We are certainly pleased to see this growth which seems to be spread throughout the system. It means additional allotments in a number of categories from the state, but more importantly provides a positive message about the stability of our school system.

Early reviews on our new organization are very favorable. Both the middle school and the high school did terrific jobs with orientation programs, and parent and student response was excellent. I get a great feeling when I visit our "new" schools. Mark Sunday, October 14, on your calendars as the date for our formal dedication program. The time will be 2:30 p.m., and the program will take place in Barnes Auditorium

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Sidewalk Survey

What do you like/dislike about the new Kings Mountain Middle School?

JOHN BRYSON (GRADE 8)	MICHAEL BOLIN (GRADE 7)	BRANDON WOOD (GRADE 8)	SHERDINIA STEPANY (GRADE 7)	STEPHANIE LAIL (GRADE 6)	KATHRYN MORROW (GRADE 6)
It's neat the way they have Discovery Teams which give us a feeling of security instead of feeling lost. They're no oddballs, we get to know all the teachers and everyone's joined together. It's great we're not just a number.	I can't think of a thing I dislike except I'd like the name to remain KM Junior High because our parents went to Junior High and we'll have that chance. I like the people, teachers and the way the classes are set up.	It's been pretty confusing with all the changes going on. Teachers have tried to give us a break from rules but it's been the opposite.	I like the way the cafeteria is set up. I dislike the name Middle School. I prefer it to be called Junior High.	I like the new building, the people, and the food.	I like all the nice people and everyone helps us. I don't like crowds and I dislike changing classes.