### God helps make humans a little more humane

Not long ago I caught on television the tail end of what seemed a pretty good human interest story. In a field on the edge of a small midwestern town, people had come from near and far to make history. Not important history, mind you, just history. Their goal was to break the record for the largest "sit down" meal ever. And there among the hay bales and cow patties. were rows upon rows of fold-out tables of every size and variety. Toward one end of the field stood four or five of the largest soup cauldrons I have ever seen in my life, each stirred by a young man with what looked to be something like a canoe oar. It was fast food at its

As I watched this bizarre sight I couldn't help but wonder what it would be like to be a part of something so big. But it didn't take long to answer that question. Because a roving television camera in the crowd answered it for me. It showed young and old, black and white, rich and poor. And without exception, everyone looked to be having the time of their lives. One middle-aged woman was so giddy about it all that she drank her soup from her sneaker. Yum.

So what about that day on the edge of that small town engendered such smiles? I first thought it might be the excitement over breaking a record, albeit a completely insignificant one. But that thought soon turned south as I remembered some other attempts at recordbreaking. For instance, once upon a time in my home town of Paducah, Ky., a group of high school students parked themselves on a platform in the middle of the Paducah Mall in an attempt to break the record for the most hours with no sleep. After a few days, they didn't seem happy at all.

### **Babe Ruth team** wins two games

Kings Mountain's Babe Ruth baseball team captured two more victories in fall baseball action over the weekend.

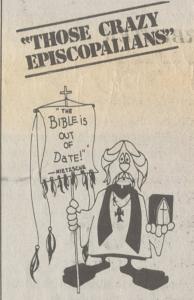
On Saturday, the Wildcats blasted Pineville #1 18-6. David Clark hurled four innings of two-hit ball to earn the win. Leading hitters were Scottie Martin with two hits and Ashley Bivins with two dou-

On Sunday, Kings Mountain defeated Pineville #2 7-1. Ty Toney and Jeremy Cooke combined on a no-hitter with 14 strikeouts. Ashley Bivins led the offense with three runs batted in and Greg Jarvis added a key two-run single.

### **KM School Board** to meet on Monday

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the new district office at Central School.

A reception for new employees will be held at 6:30.



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Then it dawned on me that the fun of it all was the sheer comradery of the mealtime experience. And something about that revelation seemed then and still seems now so true of human nature. In fact, what I discovered by watching a news clip of slap-happy Midwesterners, God seems to have known about us humans a long time ago. One of the most significant Jewish celebrations is the traditional Seder meal. And one of the most significant Christian sacraments is the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, the Mass, Communion, whatever you happen to call it. God appears to have known long ago that when otherwise feisty, uncooperative and downright nasty people get together over a meal, they warm up a little bit. And the chances for genuine understanding and compassion among us rise ever so slightly.

So it is that even in the opportunities to sop, sit down and share a bite to eat, God has blessed us with his marvelous grace. That realization probably won't change the face of the planet anytime soon. But it just might cause us to stop and say a word of thanks. And it just might make us humans a little more humane.



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### PAUL ERECH FARRIS **Paul Farris honored** on his first birthday

Paul Erech Farris, one year old on September 15, celebrated his birthday with a party attended by family and friends at the home of his grandparents, Bob and Pat Wells, in Gastonia.

Paul is the son of U. S. Army Pvt. Lee Farris and Becky Farris. He is also the grandson of Billie Farris of Kings Mountain and Paul

R. Farris of Gastonia.

# Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

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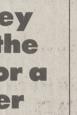
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