

Grover approves solid waste ordinance

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Grover Town Council voted Monday night to adopt the Cleveland County Solid Waste ordinance and allow the county to enforce it in their city limits.

The vote came after Cleveland County Health Department coordinator Sam Lockridge made a presentation on what aspects of the ordinance his office would be able to enforce and the manner in which they would go about it.

"We will use a lot of common sense in dealing with the folks of Grover," Lockridge said. "We aren't going to strong arm anyone."

Lockridge said his office was asking all municipalities in Cleveland County to give the Health Department jurisdiction over enforcing the ordinance. Key issues involve what type and how many trash containers each family could have, removal of all decomposable waste in seven days, no open burning of garbage, and storage of scrap tires.

Council member John Higginbotham questioned the portion of the ordinance that prohibited plastic bags being left on the curb. He felt that people cleaning out their garages might need more leeway. Lockridge said that enforcement of the ordinance would probably not begin until December, which would give Grover time to address that and other issues relating to solid waste.

Another part of Lockridge's talk Monday concerned the Cleveland County Animal Control Ordinance.

"We are not asking for legal authority to enforce a leash law," Lockridge said.

Areas he did touch on concerning animal control included rabies law enforcement, exotic animal control, and dangerous dog control.

In other business Monday, council voted to spend \$1,855 for a metal canopy carport to shelter equipment such as the city's bush hog and pickup truck. The Mayor's Report included news from Robert Hunt that work was in progress to prepare a presentation on Grover's proposed library to the Cleveland County Commissioners. Mayor Bill Favell also reported that a leak in the pipe that runs from Grover to a nearby truck plaza had to be repaired at a cost of \$1,600.

Monday's meeting brought special recognition for Grover police chief Ed Pheagin due to his recently implemented program of regularly checking on the safety of senior citizens.

"A lot of the senior citizens in Grover don't have a family that visits them and they often feel neglected," said Pheagin.

Kings Mountain factory to close

ALSTOM Power announced recently that it plans to close its Kings Mountain facility. The company currently employs 150 workers.

The facility manufactures heat recovery steam generators used in a variety of power plant applications. The company said a concurrent weakening of the boiler market has resulted in overcapacity, which the market has been unable to fill, combined with a significant drop in global pricing for the past four or five years as the reason for their decision.

Company officials stressed the Kings Mountain workforce is among the best in ALSTOM. Plant manager John Harkness said the company expects to phase out manufacturing in Kings Mountain as current contracts are completed, and that final disposition of the facility is still being determined.

"Our first priority, of course, is our employees," Harkness said. "We will do all we can to relocate as many of them as feasible within ALSTOM, and offer assistance to those whose jobs are eliminated."

OPINION

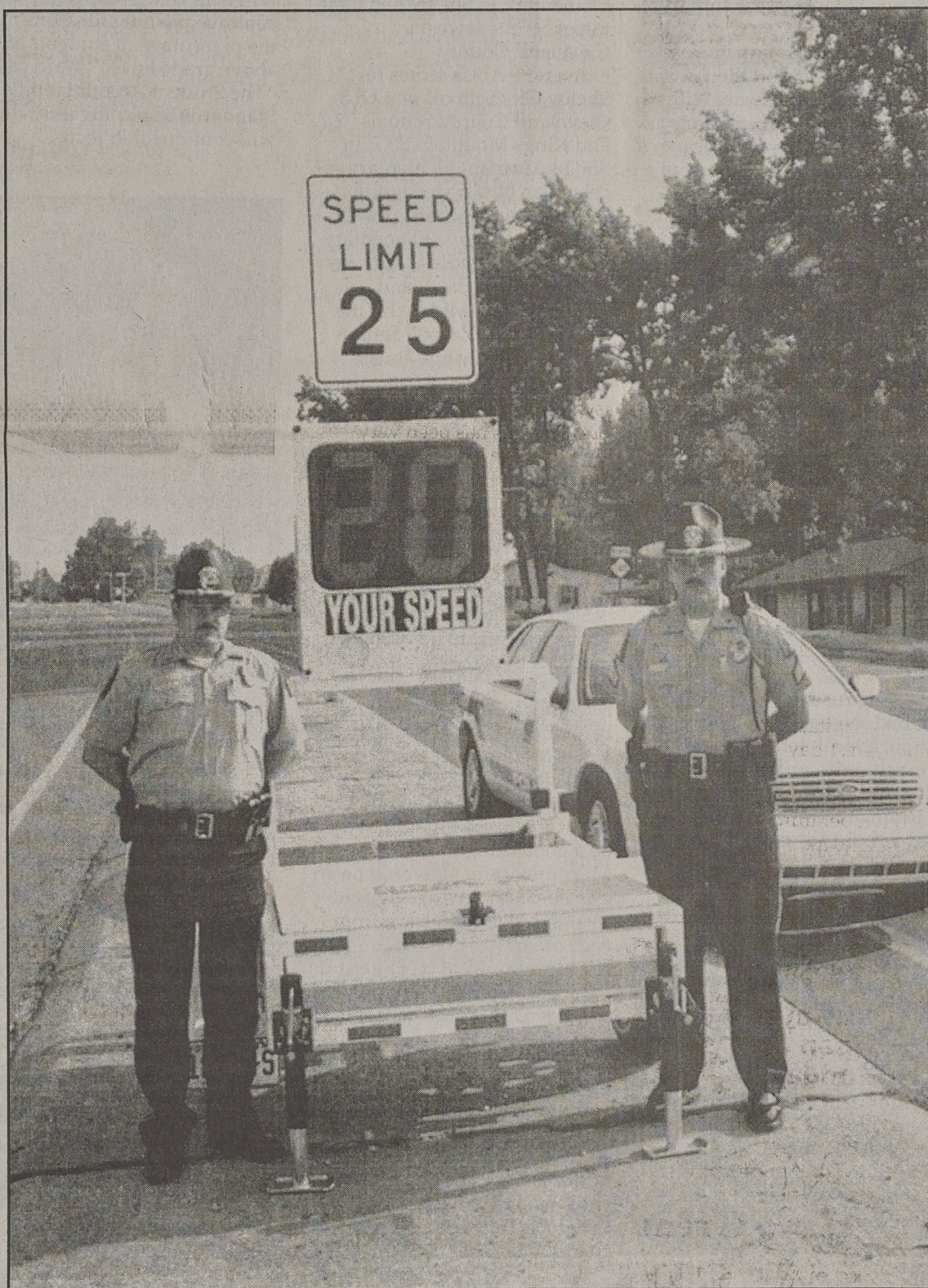
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PICTORIAL EDITORIAL

School is in session and it's important that motorists use caution in school zones and in residential areas where children are waiting on the side of the road to catch the school bus. Kings Mountain Police Department is doing its part to make sure children have a safe and successful school year by placing its speed monitor in school zones, and also doing more patrols in those areas. Ptl. D.K. Davis, left, and Sgt. H.W. Carpenter monitored traffic on Cleveland Avenue near East School on Tuesday. Today, the speed monitor will be on Gantt Street near North School, and on Friday it will be on Phifer Road near Kings Mountain High and Middle Schools. Watch your speed at all times, especially in school zones.

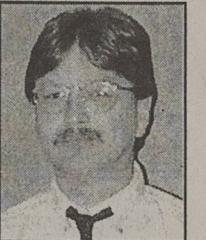
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Old machines can sing a new song

In some ways machinery and people are very similar. When they are new or young, they both exude energy and sort of bright sparkling exuberance. Sometimes though, after many miles or hours or years have been accumulated and the shine wears off, they can be set aside, fall into disrepair, and become lost to the world.

I have a thing about old machines. There's something about taking a car, motorcycle, airplane or anything else that's old and dilapidated and bringing back its former glory. Not only do you get a feeling of accomplishment, but if you spend enough time and money, you have something to show folks at the ice cream joint or airport.



Alan Hodge

Recently I was crawling around on my hands and knees at home and happened to look up into a sewing machine cabinet that we also use as a desk. Lo, and behold! There, nestled inside the cabinet, was an old sewing machine that my wife said her father Irvin Brendle had found in an abandoned house many years ago.

Pulling the machine out, it was obvious the Singer had seen better days- every mechanism was locked up tight and the belt was gone. A call to the sewing machine shop in Gastonia and a look on the internet proved our machine had been built in 1906 in Elizabethtown, New Jersey.

It took about a week, but I got it going again. Shined it up too. Under layers of crud were delicate gold scrollings and an Egyptian sphinx. The new belt had everything humming along just like it was 1906 all over again.

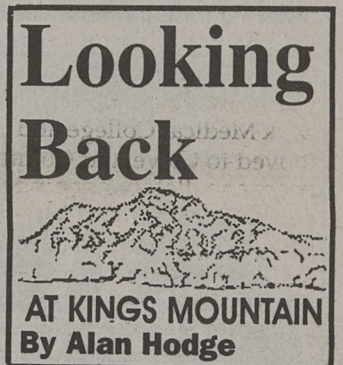
There's another equation in the old machinery story, and that's the personal side. When you restore an old airplane, car, cycle, or sewing machine and make it work again, you can't help but wonder what sort of stories they could tell about the folks over the years that had once owned them.

In the case of the 1906 Singer, I have had visions of a mother making dresses and shirts for her children out of cotton print material. Maybe she stitched curtains to brighten a kitchen, or patched up her husband's overalls.

No matter what uses the Singer once had decades ago, the fact that it has been brought back to life again proves that with some elbow grease and WD-40, an old machine can work its magic for many years to come.

Way we were in '79

The hiring of a new police chief in Grover and Kings Mountain mayor John Henry Moss declaring Shrine Day were the top stories in the August 9, 1979 issue of the Herald. On the front page it was reported that Steve Walker of Boiling Springs was tapped as the new Grover chief, and that Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green would be a special guest at the August 18 Shrine Day celebration. All proceeds from the Shrine Day were to be donated for the needs of crippled children.



The special "Living Today" feature in the August 9, 1979 Herald focused on expert water skier Jimmy Haynes. A resident of Moss Lake, Haynes was at that time state water ski champion and had a roomful of trophies to prove it. Several photos accompanying the article showed Haynes performing stunts on his skis.

Another photo layout featured Youth Conservation Corps workers at Kings Mountain National Military Park doing some serious forest cleanup work. The 21 youths had also spent time making items such as birdhouses for local nursing home patients. Young people who took part in the program had come from Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, Clover, and Shelby.

Military news in the Herald for the second week of August 1979 mentioned that John Hardin of Kings Mountain would soon be entering the U.S. Navy and pursuing a career in journalism during his tour. Other news reported from the armed forces included stories on Airman Loretta Stewart being assigned to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi and Michael Thombs, also of Kings Mountain, being promoted to Airman First Class.

Adding even more photo pages to the August 9, 1979 edition of the Herald was a series of shots taken by Darrell Austin of America Legion Post 155 members trying their luck on the links at Kings Mountain Country Club. The pictures went along with a story covering Post 155's golf tournament which was won by Stoney Jackson.

In other sports news, it was reported that Foote Minerals had posted a 13-9 win over Eaton to take their second Industrial League championship in three years. Foote's final tally was 24 wins and four losses. Johnny Reynolds was listed as the winning pitcher for Foote.

Ads in the August 9, 1979 Herald were varied and plentiful. One of the most unusual announced that a person could make \$20,000 annually raising chinchillas. Another ad by Clark Tire and Auto featured four polyester whitewall tires for as little as \$22 each.

SIDEWALK SURVEY

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Do you think a politician's religious beliefs should determine their ability to hold office?



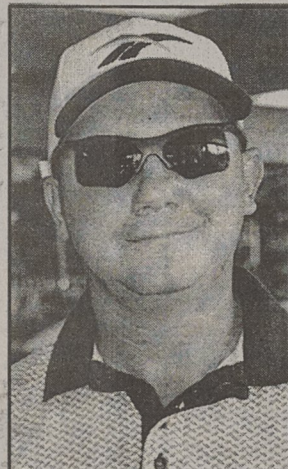
Technically, yes. They might be the anti-Christ.

Wendy Clark
Kings Mountain



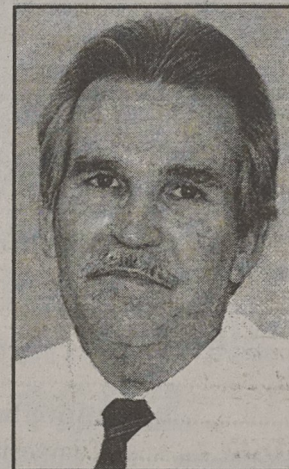
It doesn't matter what we think - but the answer is yes.

Delores Stallings
Kings Mountain



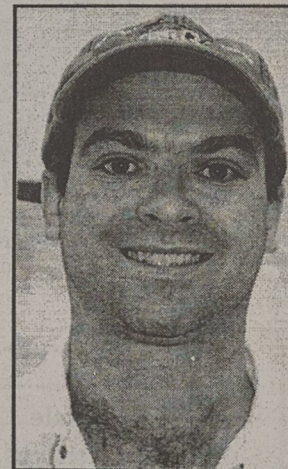
Definitely. The first thing we should decide is if they are Christians.

Jerry Reese
Kings Mountain



Yes. When you pledge allegiance to the flag, you say "one nation under God."

Tony Jenkins
Kings Mountain



I don't think so. Religion is everyone's personal choice and should not be a factor.

James Greene
Kings Mountain