

## YOUR OPINION

### Thanks for supporting KM Shriners

To the editor:

The White Plains Shrine Club would like to thank the people of Kings Mountain who came out and supported our barbecue Saturday, April 21. As most of you know the Fire Department also held their Barbecue Cook-Off the same day. Some of you questioned us as to why we held our sale the same day. The Shrine Barbecue has been held the third weekend in April for some years. I am happy to tell you that due to the great people of Kings Mountain our barbecue was one of our most successful ever, and I hope that the fire department can say the same.

I would also like to thank you for your support of our paper sale, which will be held May 3, 4 and 5. As some of you know all proceeds from the paper sale and the barbecue goes to our children hospitals. There are many of these hospitals across the U.S.A. which serve the crippled and burned children. The families of these children have never had to pay anything for some of the best care anywhere. Please take one of the papers and read it, and you will see just what the Shriners are all about. We take donations for the papers, but if you cannot donate we understand.

If you know of a child who needs our help contact any Shriner and he will see that he or she can be taken to one of our hospitals. Our hospital representative is Bruce Ward who lives in Grover.

Personally, I am humbled every time I help with a project, and due to the best people in the world our projects are successful. Thank you to everyone who contributes by giving your time or money, and I hope that you receive as much of a blessing as I when you help the children in any way.

One more thing I would like to say is, you don't have to be a Shriner to help with any of our projects. Just come on out and pitch in and we will gladly let you help us.

Gilbert Brazzell  
Kings Mountain

### Letters

We appreciate your letters to the editor and encourage you to write. Because we receive so many letters, however, we must impose guidelines to ensure that as many readers as possible are able to share their views. We therefore limit the number of letters that any one person may have published to one a month. Also, we ask that you keep your letters short, no more than two pages double-spaced or one page single-spaced. Handwritten letters are accepted, but must be legible.

We will not publish third party letters, thank-you letters or letters from anonymous writers; names, addresses, and phone numbers must be included. We reserve the right to edit letters for grammar, punctuation, clarity, brevity and content.

Letters must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published. Mail letters to The Editor, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or fax them to (704) 739-0611.

### Corrections & Clarifications

We will correct any substantial errors that appear in the newspaper or clarify any statements that are unclear. To request a correction or clarification, call the editor at (704) 739-7469 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## LOOKING BACK



These three Kings Mountain High basketball players were recognized as most valuable players at the Kiwanis Club banquet in April 1971. Left to right are Carolyn Mitchem, Geeper Howard and Deborah Crockett. Mitchem made the All-Conference team and Howard and Crockett led the KM teams in scoring.

### The way we were on April 22, 1971

Excerpts from the Thursday, April 22, 1971 Kings Mountain Herald:

- Douglas Sincox, fifth grader at East School, won the Kings Mountain District Schools Spelling Bee.

- Chris Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holmes, and Doug Sincox, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Sincox, were invited to attend the program for gifted children at Western Carolina University.

- Ptl. M.M. Hunter was the Kings Mountain Woman's Club City Policeman of the Month.

- The men of the Kings Mountain Board of Education honored their lone female member, Mrs. Lena Ware McGill, at a dinner at Royal Villa Motor Inn. Mrs. McGill was retiring after serving 12 years on the board as the inside-city resident.

- Mrs. Pattie Jo Wylie, 31, delivered a 14 pound, 13-ounce son at Kings Mountain Hospital. Dr. Charles Adams was attending physician.

- Bobby Scoggins, Jake Sipe and J.R. "Bob" Smith filed for City Council. Others who filed earlier were Ray Cline, Siemore Biddix, T.J. Ellison, Wilburn Hamrick, Norman King, Ken Roberts, Kelly Dixon, Howard Shipp, Jonas Bridges, Charles W. Parker, and James J. Dickey. Joe A. Neisler Jr. and Tommy Bridges filed for the inside city seat on the School Board, and P.A. Francis of Grover filed for the outside-city seat.

- Miss Kings Mountain Linda Falls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Falls Jr., was set to provide special entertainment and crown the new queen at the Saturday night Jaycee-sponsored Miss Kings Mountain pageant. WBTV personality Ty Boyd was slated to be the master of ceremonies.

- A six-run fourth inning, highlighted by Keith Parker's home run, sparked Kings Mountain's Mountaineers to an 8-5 Southwestern Conference baseball win over Belmont.

- Mrs. Frank B. Glass was elected president of Frank B. Glass Post 9811, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

- Gardner-Webb basketball coach Eddie Holbrook was the speaker for the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club basketball/wrestling banquet. Special guest was KM native and GW All-American George Adams.

- Funeral rites for Samuel Ralph "Pop" Davidson, 74, who served as Chief of Police two years during the Garland Still administration, were held at Temple Baptist Church.

- Kings Mountain's population was 8,465 in the city limits and 21,914 in Greater Kings Mountain.

### No way the Stewarts would turn off the TV

This is National TV-Turnoff Week. No doubt, a lot of schools across the country will be encouraging parents to turn off their televisions and read with their children, or do some other kind of family activity that will be more rewarding to kids than watching TV or playing video games on it.

I would never participate in a TV-Turnoff Week. I've been addicted to it since we got our first old black and white in the early fifties. It's usually the second thing I turn on after I enter the house - the first being the lights.

There are some things on TV that are disgusting and not worth watching, but there are some good things to be said about the tube too.

I often tell folks that "if it's not sports or funny, I don't watch it." To be honest, I find it difficult to watch an entire ball game anymore unless it is a very good one. I do try to watch the Braves every time Kevin Millwood pitches. It never ceases to amaze me how well he pitches for six or seven innings, only to have the bullpen blow the game for him in the late innings.

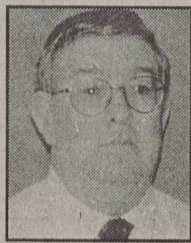
I usually don't watch an entire movie unless it's a funny one, but if it's a Chevy Chase Griswald movie I can watch it over and over.

To me, the best TV shows are the old ones. I'm such an Andy Griffith nut that I know most of the lines by heart.

One of the best channels on TV today is TV Land, especially on the weekends when they have a marathon of some of the old half-hour shows like the Beverly Hillbillies, All in the Family, Andy Griffith, and the Honeymooners.

I would never encourage school kids not to read books or play educational games, but I would think they could get a lot of good out of TV if they'd turn off the video games and some of today's cartoons and tune in to the exploits of Andy and Barney, Ralph and Norton, and some of the others.

I've read that Andy Griffith is such a wholesome show that many of the mainline churches now use it as a basis for Bible study. I believe such as study would be much more interesting than the one we're currently using in Sunday School at our church. I wouldn't even mind hearing the choir try to sing good old 14A.



Gary Stewart

Editor

### Summer camp can be lot of fun, hard work

One of the most memorable experiences a child can have is a week or so at summer camp. With school days coming to a close in just over a month, many parents will begin thinking about just where to pack the chaps off to for some rustic rest and recreation.

When I was a wee lad, my Uncle Pine Knot Helton was a Navy Seabee. One summer he and some of his fellow Construction Battalion colleagues worked building docks at a local summer camp. As a reward, I got to go to this camp for a week, free of charge. It was an experience I'll never forget.

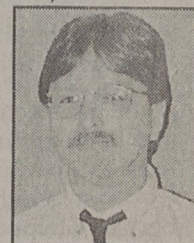
Being 12-years-old, I was put in an elite cadre called "Senior Campers." I should have smelled a rat right away when we were issued sling blades and hoes. It turned out that one of the privileges of being a Senior Camper was to clear underbrush for new cabin sites.

After a few days of Senior Camping, two twin brothers in my cabin decided they had enough fun and poison oak, so they slipped across the river at night to a local alehouse in the middle of the night and called their parents to come get them.

Don't get me wrong, summer camp had some great moments as well. One activity that was a real hit involved loading five or six canoes full of campers, taking to the river, and having Viking war games. Believe me, those aluminum canoes were pretty dented up by the time that was over.

Another fun activity at camp was the Indian ceremony. One such ceremony was held at night on the riverbank. The "Chief" was to make a grand entrance standing up in a canoe with a railroad flare burning in a bucket at this feet. A passing cabin cruiser turned the canoe over and spilled "Chief" into the mighty Catawba, headdress and all. I'll bet folks a mile away heard the screams of laughter from us boys.

For those of you who are thinking about dropping your kids off at a summer camp, don't worry, most activities are closely monitored these days for safety and educational value. Don't think however, that the kids will be little angels the whole time they are there. Not only will a stint at summer camp entertain the kids for a week, it might give them memories that will last a lifetime.



Alan Hodge

Guest Column

### Musicians, journalists share the do-it-yourself mentality

He associated with people who would wear torn shirts, spiked hair, and enough metal to set off an airport metal detector.

The music they listen to can be described as loud, obnoxious, along with other words.

These people have been most commonly known as punks, but most have also been artists, film aficionados and political activists.

One person that comes to mind, is the late Jeffrey Hyman, better known as Joey Ramone.

He was the lead singer of the Ramones, a band well known for short, two-minute songs.

The band, which started in New York City, existed on a do-it-yourself mentality, which still influences bands today such as Green Day and the Offspring.

The idea behind the do-it-yourself mentality, especially for musicians, was to avoid record labels, and well, do it yourself.

Instead of a flyer on a utility pole, stapled neatly, with computer-generated text and images from an agency, the band would hand write the flyers, and paste them wherever it could.

This was the idea that helped spawn The Ramones.

In 1976, the band recorded its first debut album off \$6,000 in two days.

Most of the bands' albums would go directly from one song to the next, with maybe a second between them.

Although I have never seen them in concert, I heard the set is the same way, quick and to the point.

No talking about what crisis was going on when a song was written.

Not many bands can say that, especially today.

I never got a chance to see the Ramones, but I have seen their influences everywhere.

But the do-it-yourself mentality is not confined just to musicians.

Journalists are also ones who have a raging independent spirit in them.

Walter Winchell was one who practiced it a lot.

Although he was employed by the New York Mirror and did his own radio show, he did like no other in presenting news of celebrities and gossip.

Winchell predecessor to Matt Drudge, who runs his own website, complete with links to different wire services and newspapers around the world.

He also has a news report of things, he has found out from different sources.

Some have led to big stories, such as the story between a little-known White House intern named Monica Lewinsky while some have been lesser.



Ben Ledbetter

Staff Writer

### SIDEWALK SURVEY

By BEN LEDBETTER  
Kings Mountain Herald

Should North Carolina have a lottery?



Yes. It will bring a lot of money to the state.

Mike Scott  
Kings Mountain



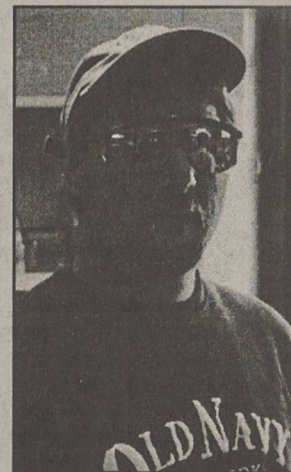
No. It just seems like something that's unnecessary.

Eric King  
Kings Mountain



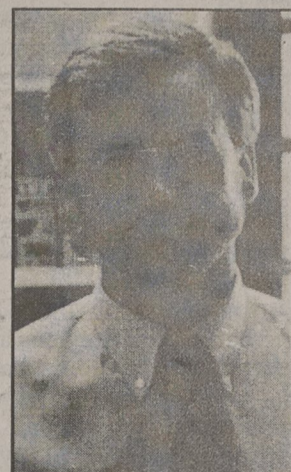
Yes.

Marvin Moore  
Charlotte



Yes. Everybody would like to win a million dollars.

Kenny Mitchum  
Kings Mountain



Yes. Everybody around us has one.

Mike Fulbright  
Cherryville