

## We should be a nation of peace

To the editor:

Up until September 11, 2001 our nation was a peaceful but well protected country. Everyone that lived here lived without a doubt of fear of what might happen on that day. Deep in the heart of New York City stood two twin towers which supported the functions of our day to day world. On day break of September 11, 2001, fathers, mothers and children arose to an unprepared day which would change history forever.

As the twin towers began to populate with employees eager to return to work plans were being carried out for destruction. At 9 a.m. one of our planes crashed into one of the towers. Then at 9:30 a.m. a second plane thundered through the second tower. This sent total shock and chaos throughout what hours before had been a relaxed and humble world.

As the rubble came to a fall and reality of the catastrophe sank in, we had lost more than three thousand Americans, firefighters, policemen, paramedics, doctors, nurses, military troops, and even civilians who reached to the aide of others. One that stands out in my mind is a small boy around the age of 12 or 13 who rushed to help with the victims. All that he must have seen had to have been devastating. Me being the age of 17, I don't know that I could have been as brave as him.

With all I have seen on the news, nothing could have prepared us for the actual reality that our sister city had to face. Tears were shed all across our countries, lives were touched so deep. And the bond that united all of mankind's race, gender and religions can now never be taken away.

War, what's war, I know you all must say? More blood shed, more lives lost. Is that the road to take? Revenge is sweet, that's what most think will make things okay. I'm not sure which way I would go but peace would really be nice. For no more pain and no more tears of all the loved ones lost. That day I know we'll never forget and hold always close to heart.

One year later and here we stand, One Nation Under God. I feel your pain and weep the same in hope that it all would end. So lift your head up to the sky, be proud of who you are. Divided we all shall somehow fall, but united we will

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## LOOKING BACK



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The Kings Mountain High Class of 1952, largest ever up to that time, will celebrate its 50th reunion September 27-28. Friday will be a steak cookout followed by attending the homecoming football game. Saturday will be sumptuous hors d'oeuvre followed by old movies from school days, welcome by the major, and entertainment of musical vignettes by "Bags of Gold" and KMLT "Forever Plaid" and "Nonsense." The class picture will be taken in front of the Joy Theatre with members around old classic cars. Thanks to the generous support of the business community and planning committee, over 50 door prizes will be drawn.

## It's time to put 9-11 behind us and move on

September 11 of this year has now come and gone and hopefully all people have had a time to reflect on last year's horrible attacks.

A lot of different organizations held observances for people to remember. Now it's time to move on.

Let's put this in the history books and let others taking classes discuss the attacks. Let's let it sit with people's newspaper collections. The attack should be thought of whenever one gets the urge to go through the clippings of that day.

When Pearl Harbor happened, although I was not around, I'm sure that was observed and remembered as well.

But I haven't seen any 12-7-41 shirts. Maybe that's because it's not as catchy as 9-11 and sounds more like a football play.

Plus since the United States has mended fences with Japan, mass-marketing of Pearl Harbor would not be a good idea.

- At the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, something changed last week.

Something really changed.

Voters in Cleveland County made their choice for sheriff known when they cast their ballots for Raymond Hamrick and Richard Hill.

Although both will advance to the general election in November, Hamrick, a democrat, had the most interesting race.

As the first precinct totals were coming in, Hamrick was ahead, and the trend continued throughout the night. Only a handful of precincts went to incumbent Dan Crawford, who served two terms as the chief law enforcement officer for the county.

A recent controversy about an inmate who died while at the jail may have skewed the election. It may not have, also.

Frankly, that will never be determined unless a scientific poll is conducted to see if that was the case.

It would be too costly and too time consuming.

- Schools that used to be NCAA Division II and in the NAIA have now gone Division I. Some that come to mind are High Point and Elon in the Piedmont Triad.

Another one closer to home is Gardner-Webb University.

Recently, there has been some controversy concerning its president, Dr. Chris White, and whether he violated the

See Ben, 5A



Ben Ledbetter  
Staff Writer

## Potpourri - or a few scraps go a long way

The title of this piece is "potpourri." The idea came to me while I was getting ready to take a shower the other day and was looking out the window at the forest. Some of the ideas also surfaced when I had a recent crying jag.

There are a couple of definitions for the word potpourri. One type of potpourri is that smelling stuff made of dried bits of flowers some folk fill jars with and place around their home. I know a house that has so much potpourri in it that when you walk in the door your eyes water and your head starts to throb. The word potpourri also means a combination of incongruous elements. That's what this is all about; recent observations of incongruous elements.

My name is Friday. These are just the facts ma'am. The other day I saw a lady in a car on I-85 that must have had a Sperry automatic pilot directional vectoring device installed. Why did I think this was so? Because the silver SUV she was sitting in was speeding down the road at 80 miles per hour right on the bumper of another car as she steadied the vanity mirror with on hand and applied war paints with the other.

Here's another bit of potpourri. Have you ever watched any of those shows on TV that tour mansions and such or show the lifestyles of the "rich and famous?"

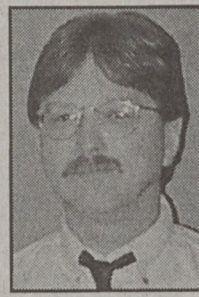
There seems to be a glut of them. I was struck the other day by the fact that not everyone lives in a mansion, has a \$50,000 car, or dines daily at a five-star restaurant. What do poor folks think when they see these shows? How can they explain to their kids the fact that money is not everything? I wonder.

Barbecue is my next bit of potpourri. Having sampled Q in a number of locations in both North and South Carolina, I am convinced that the further west you go, the worse the stuff is.

On a recent mountain trip, my wife and I stopped at a bbq place in the hills. What came out on my plate looked like a stomped possum. There was two types of Mystery Sauce on the table. One resembled watery ketchup laced with turpentine, the other a concoction of mashed up tomatoes and some type of oil. When we got back home, I did not let many days pass before we went to a decent Gaston County bbq place for something fittin' to eat.

My last chunk of potpourri is about rain. Wasn't the recent rain lovely? There is no doubt a connection between the soothing sound rain makes as it hits a tin roof and our deepest inner self.

See Alan, 5A



Alan Hodge  
Columnist

## LOOK BACK

### Hambright in national office in '85

Excerpts from the Thursday, September 19, 1985 edition of the Kings Mountain Herald:

- R. Fain Hambright, Postmaster at Grover has been reelected for a fourth term to the office of National President of the National League of Postmasters. Hambright turned back his opponent with a nearly 80 percent share of the vote. The league, whose Headquarters is in Alexandria, VA, was founded in 1904 and is the oldest organization representing postal managers in the nation. Hambright served on the organization's National Executive Board for a number of years prior to becoming the organization's top officer. As President, he oversees and directs the daily operation of the association which deals with Congress, the Administration and the U.S. Postal Service.

- Plans are underway by the Kings Mountain Fire Department for the annual Mountaineer Days Oct. 4-5 with a variety of events slated for all ages. Fire Chief Gene Tignor said the two-day celebration of the 206th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain will kick off at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4th, with a big parade on downtown streets.

- A Saturday auction yard sale and bake sale will benefit the Kings Mountain Boys Club. The big yard sale gets underway at 7 a.m. sharp in the old Roses Store Building in downtown Kings Mountain. Promoters of the benefit say the yardsale will be the "biggest ever" and invite yard sale-goers to come early for best selections of "almost every imaginable product."

- First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain announces the inaugural and dedication services for its new worship center Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m. This new facility contains sanctuary seating for approximately 750 persons. The building also houses an office suite, music suite, church parlor and senior adult educational wing with total space of around 20,000 square feet.

- The Kings Mountain Indoor Pool Foundation has announced that fund raising efforts for a community indoor swimming pool have now eclipsed the \$450,000 mark.

## SIDEWALK SURVEY

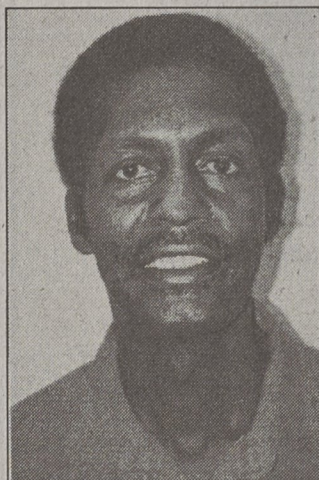
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### What do you think is the biggest football rivalry?



Probably Florida State and Florida. They usually put on a heck of a game.

Mike Stone  
Gastonia



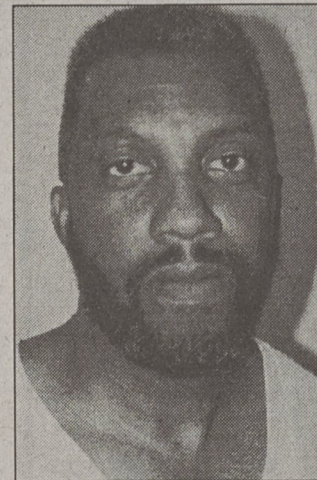
Kings Mountain and Shelby, because I'm from Kings Mountain, my people go to Kings Mountain and we want to beat Shelby.

Hasker Parker Jr.  
Kings Mountain



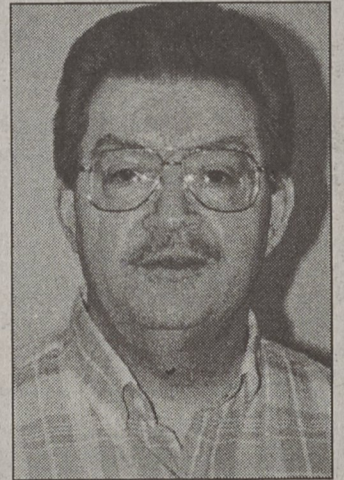
In my opinion, I'm a Philadelphia Eagles fan, Philadelphia and Washington.

Jimmy Chaplain  
Kings Mountain



Probably Shelby-Kings Mountain. I grew up around here and I've always pulled for Kings Mountain.

Clinton Feemster  
Kings Mountain



I would say in high school, Kings Mountain and Shelby. It's been a big rivalry ever since I've been in high school.

Jerry Bedsole  
Kings Mountain