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numerous hearings before and after the trial and saw how defense lawyers try to get everything thrown out of court. After seeing how Mr. Young handled himself in and out of court, we were proud that he was our lawyer, in his capacity of District Attorney.

All four people are serving long sentences. The convictions will never bring our daughter back, but I received comfort in that her murderers were brought to justice. I will always be grateful to Mr. Young. I feel that he sincerely cared about my husband and me.

Martha Byers Grover

Young supported for district attorney

To the editor:

When my son was in middle school he was sitting with his mother and saw her shot to death. Thankfully, my son is now a senior in high school and quarterback of his football team.

During the course of the prosecution of this murder case, I came to really appreciate how hard District Attorney Young works. I came to all of the hearings before the trial and attended all the days of the trial. The man who killed my son's mother is now serving a life sentence for murder.

Mr. Young always met with me and told me what to expect during the trial and kept me informed as to the schedule. It made no difference to Bill Young whether you were rich or poor or black or white, he just wanted justice to be done. I appreciate District Attorney Young and what he did. He reminded me of an athlete who never quit thgir ti betnew eyewla bna ing B.S. Peeler Jr., at el-

Finterla To Yapport Mr. 100 Young and vote to re-elect him as District Attorney.

Sylvester Haynes Shelby

Class reunion well-planned

To the editor:

On September 27 and 28 the KMHS Class of 1952 celebrated its 50th reunion, a very special occasion made possible by a lot of hard work and planning. The food and entertainment was very good and being in fellowship with classmates was such a great joy.

To every person on the Planning Committee: Dot Dixon, Rachel Gladden, Dewitt Guyton, Doris Kiser, Dean Spears, John Still, Mary Helen and Alfred Tate, Fred Tate and Anne Ware, and also to the support team: Colleen Tate, Pat Still, Jake Dixon and Tim Gladden, I sincerely wish to extend a big thank you to each of you for a job well

Minnie Sue Hartsoe Kings Mountain

BASE/CLEAR #3

Horn best choice for district judge

To the editor:

Charlie Horn wants to continue to serve us as our District Court judge, and I think we would be smart to give him that chance.

Charlie was born and reared in Cleveland County. He was my law partner for many, many years and developed a reputation as a hard-working, capable prosecutor and/or defender of both criminal and civil cases. He also developed a reputation as a loyal friend and a man of his word.

As a judge, Charlie has used his legal experience and his feelings for his fellow human beings to assure that the law is applied with consideration for attorneys, officers, witnesses and defendants.

Isn't that the kind of judge we need? I think so. He has my vote.

J.A. West Kings Mountain

Letters

We appreaciate 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 legi-

We will not publish third party letters, unsolicited poems, 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.

Election Letters

Letters to the editor supporting candidates or pertaining to issues or other matters of the November 5 general election will not be accepted past 5 p.m. Monday, October 21.

No letters concerning the election will appear in the week immediately preceding the election (Thursday, October 31).

Remember to adhere to the guidelines above. All letters must be signed in ink.

Corrections & Clarifications

To request a correction or clarification, call the editor at (704) 739-7469 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Moving along, I am reminded of a country store I once visited on the way to a motorcycle race track. This was in one of my previous existences as a biker daredevil. Anyway, I don't remember exactly where this place was, but I had stopped to get a refreshment in the early morning and as my pal Brutus and I sat at a picnic table, two gents of a rather rustic nature entered the store, came out with their morning repast of pig's feet, rat cheese, crackers, and two 16 ounce PBRs. Some of ya'll know what PBR stands for.

I can still to this day see these cretins at the next table gnawing on those pig's feet until a ring of grease completely encircled their greedy cake-holes and ran down their grimy hands. It was if the Missing Link and his brother were feasting on the remains of some poor beast they had caught. But cavemen probably didn't have rat cheese or

On last general store stop needs to be made on this journey through time.

When I worked at the paper in Kings Mountain, I was tipped off by a pal Dwayne Hastings to a spot called McAbee's Store. My first glimpse of its unpainted exterior (it has since been spruced up) wasn't reassuring, but the recommendation as to the quality and toothsomeness of the food led me to climb the well worn steps and enter. This was a wise move.

To this day I still stop at McAbee's every now and then to get a bacon and egg "sammich" or one of their world famous steak "sammiches." The folks there are as first rate as the fare. You can even sit under a little awning at a picnic table and talk to the locals as you eat. All in all, it's a great place with a touch of down home that's rare to find.

Utley's store and the one in East Belmont are gone, but Washburn and McAbee's are alive and well. Next time you want a big dose of way back when, a pair of bib overalls, a chunk of rat cheese, or a sammich. Stop by, you'll be glad you did.

all of the tax benefits.

"Let's not confuse capital funding for the City of Shelby with historic funding for new industry and economic development," Maney said in his response. "The City of Kings Mountain's request for participation of capital funding to build a water reservoir was denied by the County when Moss Lake was built. (the county commissioners did approve a resolution supporting Kings Mountain's efforts and gave \$15,000 toward the study in 1967). The City of Kings Mountain floated bonds and the citizens of Kings Mountain paid for those bonds. Kings Mountain was out of water and no financial assistance was offered by the county. The County theme was not to get into the water

"Let's not forget the new precedent that is now being established by the County, and every city and town in Cleveland County should also receive their distribution of already collected tax dollars (almost two million dollars to be funded to the Shelby and The Sanitary District for Capital

Maney said the "one project" the county participated in for the City of Kings Mountain was \$75,000 for Firestone; however, the county required the city to pay the money back.

City Commissioner Gene White cited two examples from a long list of Kings Mountain area industrial projects for which the county provided infrastructure.

He obtained tax figures from the county tax office Monday, and said he will work on getting all of the others within the next week.

In the case of Eaton, which is on Kings Mountain's southeastern water line which goes to Grover, White said the county received \$41,857 in property tax and \$406,951 in business equipment tax in tax year 2001. The city received only \$137,090 for water and sewer services. And that, he said, represents gross receipts; the actual profit would be less than 10 percent.

In the case of Sara Lee, it paid the county \$107,235 in property tax and \$47,225 in equipment tax for a total of \$154,460. KM's water-sewer revenue was \$14,674.

"One of our county commissioners from Kings Mountain and the mayor of Shelby are going around promoting this list of money the county says it has given to Kings Mountain," White said. "As smart as these people are they must figure we can't add and subtract over here.'

White also pointed out that most of the employees at the industries around Kings Mountain live outside the city limits and their property taxes are also paid to the county.

"We're only a small portion of the county," he said.

Maney said the county's list is "misleading and implies millions of dollars have been given to the City of Kings Mountain. Simply not true. Just the opposite is true. Millions of dollars have been paid to the county in taxes to repay their investment in economic development. Not one dollar from the county has been given to the City of Kings Mountain for capital funding."

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Rob Youngblood leaving Chamber

Cleveland County Chamber President Rob Youngblood resigned Monday to accept a position as president of the York County Regional Chamber which is located in his hometown of Rock Hill, SC.

Youngblood had held the Cleveland County position since 1998. During his tenure the Chamber increased its membership by 7%, peaking at a record 875 members in 2000.

The Chamber staff grew from five to eight employees and the organization's annual budget doubled to nearly \$700,000.

"Given Rob's outstanding performance and his reputation as a star among and saol b Chamber executives it came 19 as no surprise to me when this opportunity presented itself," said Chairman John Schweppe.

A search/personnel committee will be formed to find a new president.

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We will correct any substantial errors that appear in the newspaper or clarify any statements that are unclear.

JIM

sugar, and we were never overweight, because we played so hard, the calories didn't have time to turn to fat.

At the Little League tryouts, not everybody made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to live with the disappointment. Coaches were allowed to try to win games, not just make sure he got all his players into the game.

Some of us were taught to fire .22 rifles when we were young, and our parents didn't have to worry about some ding-bat organization protesting. If anybody came on our property to object to a young boy learning how to handle a rifle, they would likely be dodging a size 10 boot on the way back to their vans.

Boys carried pocket knives without fear of getting kicked out of school or hauled off to jail.

We went to the movies on Saturday morning and stayed most of the day to see stars such as Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Tex Ritter and Hopalong Cassidy. The only nudity in those movies had to do with the horses and cows and nobody noticed it. The strongest language came from sidekicks such as Gabby Hayes, who would sometimes get carried away and say "Dagnab it."

We survived, but more than that, our generation produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers in history. We had the freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And some of us weren't straight A students.

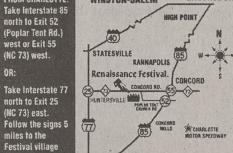


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