

Church women planning dinner

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The Kings Mountain Council of Church Women began planning their annual dinner on Tuesday evening. The dinner will take place on May 1, at 6 p.m. All area women are invited.

The dinner will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church. Seven churches are involved in the planning process, including, Resurrection Lutheran, Kings Mountain Baptist, St. Matthew's Lutheran, Central United Methodist, Grace United Methodist, Boyce Memorial ARP, and First Presbyterian.

Tickets are \$6 each and are available at each of the seven churches. The event will include dinner, music, and a speaker.

The speaker will be Jennifer Thomas Stultz, Mayor of Gastonia. Stultz is a national trainer for Keep America Beautiful, Inc., and executive director of the Gaston County Educational Foundation. During her time in office, she has established the first Task Force on Homeless for Gastonia, which reduced homelessness by 20% in two years.

She received the 2002 Alliance for Children and Youth "Caring Hands" award and the 2000 Gaston Chamber "Athena Award."

OBITUARY

**BEVERLY HOLT
BESSEMER CITY** - Beverly Cates Holt, 41, 607 North 10th Street, died March 9, 2003 at Lake Norman Regional Hospital. She was a native of Gaston County and a member of Forest Pointe Community Church in Belmont. She graduated from Hunter Huss High School.

She is survived by her father, Charles Cates and wife Marcia of Belmont; mother, Brenda S. Nelson and husband JR of Charleston, SC; husband Terry B. Holt of the home; children, Jeffrey W. Bradley and daughter-in-law Angela of Kings Mountain; in-laws, Robert Holt and Maxine of Bessemer City; step children, Stephanie Gee and Chad, and Fraleane Holt of Bessemer City; sisters, Susan Guynn of Charlotte and Pam Dixon of Bessemer City; grandchildren, Makayla Bradley and Dakota Gee; three nieces and one nephew; and special friends Bonnie, Wanda and Lori.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Jerry Millwood and Ray Hardee at 4 p.m. Thursday at Greene Funeral Service - West Chapel. Burial will be in Gaston Memorial Park.

Greene Funeral Service - West Chapel, Gastonia, is in charge of arrangements.

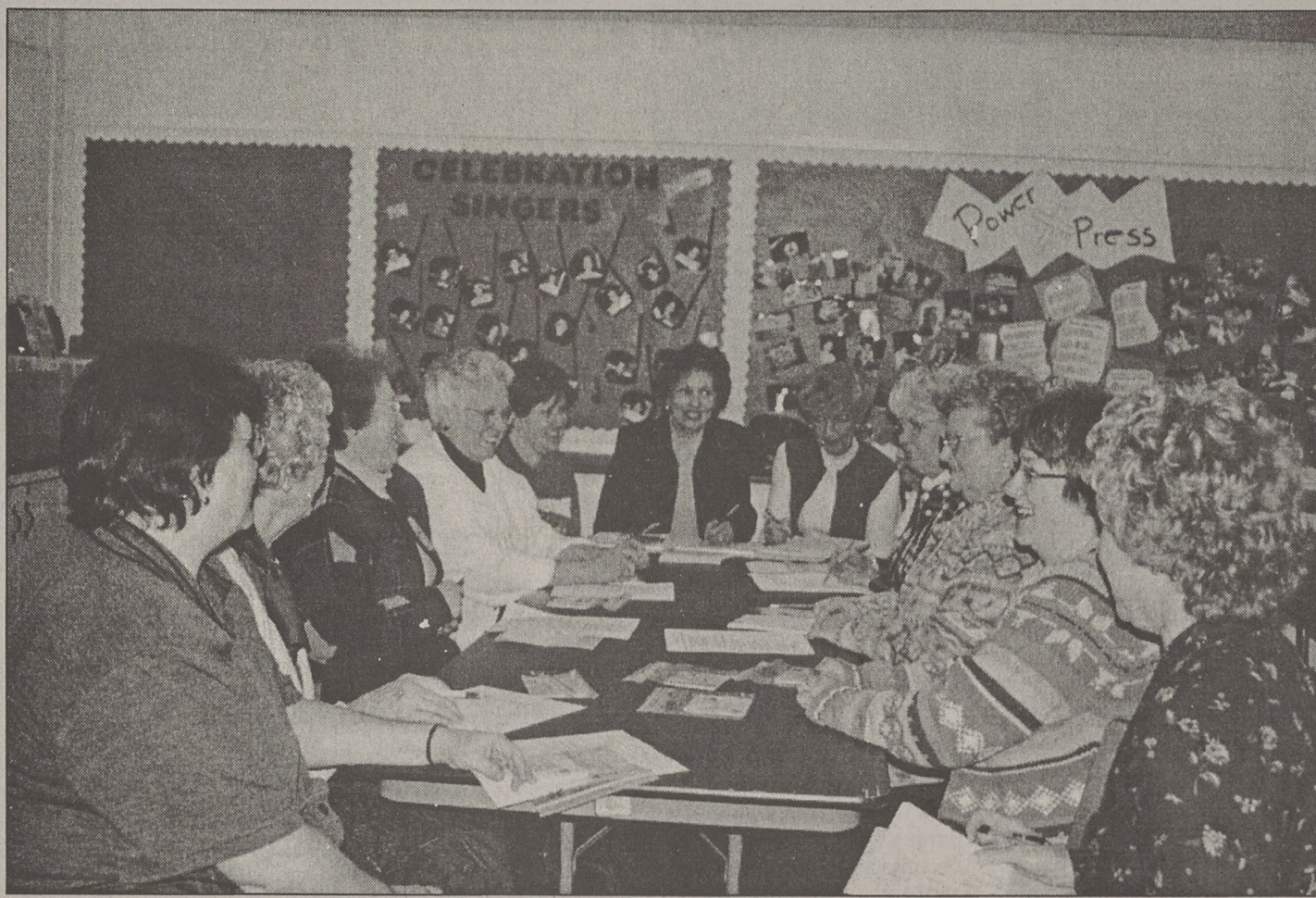
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MAKING PLANS



Members of the Kings Mountain Council of Church Women plan for their annual dinner, which will take place on May 1, at 6 p.m.

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Patriotism is expressed in many different ways



Abigail Wolford
Staff Writer

On Saturday, I attended a Psalm 120 peace rally in Shelby, along with dozens of other people from the area. Although those who stood on the lawn of the Cleveland County Historical Museum were silent, a couple of men came to the event to show their support for the troops. One sat in his truck across the street and played patriotic music, while the other circled the block with signs reading, "Support Our Troops," on his truck.

As I watched and listened to these men, I thought about what it means to be patriotic. According to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary, patriotism means "love for or devotion to one's country." Nowhere in that definition does it say that patriotic people have to support all of the decisions made by the government at all times. It says only that the patriotic have to love and be devoted to their country.

Since when is it not patriotic to care what your government does? Since when does supporting peace mean not supporting those who fight for it in times of war? Many pacifists I know have relatives in the armed forces. Both of my grandfathers fought in World War II, and I had three uncles who served in Vietnam.

Patriotism is expressed in different ways by different people. The men who played patriotic music and circled the block certainly showed patriotism on Saturday. They were aware of their responsibilities as citizens to support the troops and love the country of which they are a part.

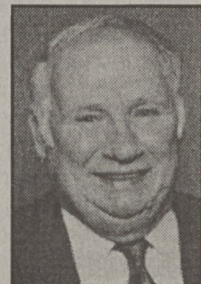
Those of us who stood on the lawn also showed patriotism. We were aware of our rights and responsibilities as citizens. We were aware of the situation in the world and were conscious of our duties as citizens to speak out.

Lately, many people who do not side with the President have been blasted for being unpatriotic. In Albany, New York, a man was even arrested for daring to wear a peace sign on his shirt at a mall. He may spend a year in jail for his "lack of patriotism." He was not leading a protest at the mall. He was eating in the food court.

While I typically do not care about what goes on in Hollywood, I recently came across a link to an article in People magazine while checking CNN.com. The article was about different actors and actresses who have spoken

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About human shields and a skill with a limp biskit



JIM HEFFNER
Columnist

Now we come to the subject of human shields.

The news this morning informs us there's a group of American and Spaniards waiting for visas to enter Iraq, where they will act as human shields in case of an attack by Americans. I think that's just a marvelous idea. As long as those people are over there, they can't be disrupting people's lives over here, and maybe never will again.

They are from some organization called "Voices in the Wilderness." Now that's a high sounding name isn't it?

The human shields plan to go over and live with Iraqi families, but what would you bet Saddam Hussein puts them inside, or in front of, buildings with signs that say: "Hospital," "Milk Factory" and such, buildings that actually house stores of mustard gas and other chemical and bacterial weapons.

But that's not the point. The point is these imbeciles want to feel noble, and if getting their heads blown off makes them feel noble, so be it.

I would like to appoint a few humans shields to go over there and be noble. Here's my partial list: Susan Sarandon, George Clooney, Sean Penn, Martin Sheen, Mike Farrell, Kevin Bacon, Ed Harris, Matt Damon, Janine Garafolo, Phil Donohue, Ed Asner and Jane Fonda. That will do for a start, although I wouldn't mind if Jimmy Carter tagged along. There are also a few so-called poets and writers I would send if they aren't too busy sitting around being sensitive.

All the kooks come out of the woodwork when there is a threat of war anywhere on the map. Thousands of Americans went to Spain in the late 30s to fight Franco, but it didn't matter. Franco won the war, and Spain didn't do so badly under his reign. I don't know enough about that conflict to know which side was which, but I know the same type of crowd that went to Spain now wants to go protect those poor Iraqis.

That's all I'm going to write about the Iraqi situation. Fred Durst? — This guy is a member of a noisemaking group called "Limp Biskit." He obviously lived in Gastonia for about 30 minutes.

At the Grammy Awards Show a couple of weeks ago,

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LOOK BACK

Morrison was Easter Seal Child in 1967

From the March 9, 1967 edition of the Kings Mountain Herald:

Walter D. "Butch" Morrison Jr., 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. "Red" Morrison, is Cleveland County Easter Seal Child for 1967.

Jerry "Reece" Cloninger, Kings Mountain native, graduated recently from East Carolina College.

Kings Mountain's preliminary inquiry for a water project grant has been approved and the regional officials of Water and Sewer Facilities Grant Program, Department of Housing and Urban Development, say next step toward a federal grant is the final application.

Richard E. "Dick" Shaney, former state highway patrolman and now in the personnel department of Carolina Throwing Co., will challenge Commissioner O.O. Walker in the 1967 municipal election.

Marion Dixon has been appointed National Aide-de-Camp in the V.F.W. He is a past commander of Frank B. Glass Post 9811.

Kings Mountain High School's win streak was snapped at 20 games Saturday night at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory as Marion claimed a 61-46 victory in the opening round of the annual Northwest-Southwest Conference basketball tournament. George Adams scored 20 points and Ken Mitchem 12 for the Mountaineers.

Sharon Gold, George Adams and Ken Mitchem were named to the 1967 All-Southwest Conference basketball teams. Gold, All-Conference performer for the past two seasons, led the SWC in scoring for the second straight season with 303 points and a 15.1 average. Adams finished with 427 points in 21 games for 20.3 average. Mitchem scored 229 points for a 10.9 average.

New KMHS baseball coach Bobby Hussey welcomed 44 players on the first day of practice.

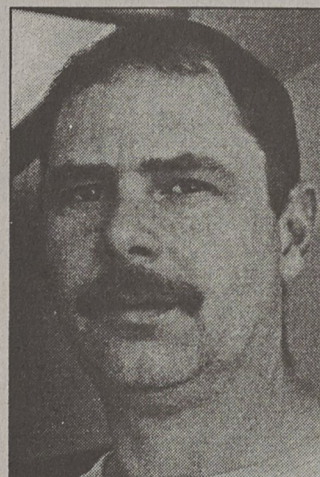
Grand Ole Opry stars Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs will appear in person at Grover School Friday night.

Jimmy Pruitt and Gary Howze copped top honors in the annual Pinewood Derby held by Cub Scouts of Boyce Memorial ARP Church last week.

SIDEWALK SURVEY

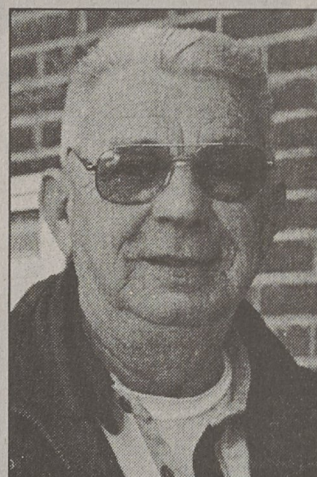
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How are you coping with the high price of gas?



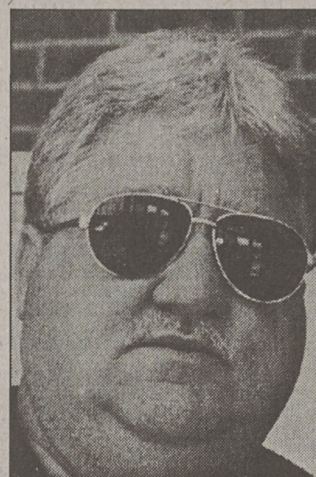
"It's killing the economy. This really hurts."

Freddy Montgomery
Kings Mountain



"I don't like it."

Gilbert Hamrick
Kings Mountain



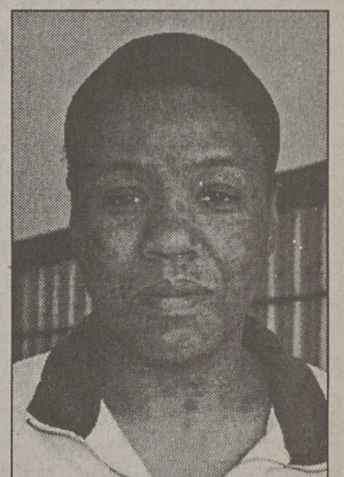
"It's rough. It ain't just the gas. It's the fuel and everything else."

Gary Roberts
Kings Mountain



"It's bad. I'm coping, but it's bad."

Mia Lyons
Kings Mountain



"The cheapest place you can go is across the border to South Carolina. You better walk everywhere you need to go because it's too high even to go to the grocery store."

Bridgett Adams
Kings Mountain