

## OUR OPINION

# Don't make yourself difficult to live with

The air conditioning that serves my church office went out two weeks ago. This same thing happened last year when the summer temperatures were over 100 degrees. It wasn't as hot this time, but it was hot enough.



Jeff Hensley  
Meditation

Both times I have thrown up the windows, turned on the fan and worn something that would be as cool as possible.

During these hot spells, I have been reminded about how much we have come to depend on our technology. What would happen to us if we lost all of our precious electric and electronic tools - things like air conditioning, refrigerators, microwave ovens and those ubiquitous computers? I suspect we would have a hard time coping. And whenever we lose something we have come to

depend on, it tends to cause us to be short of temper or quick to be angry with someone else, and the people who are the recipients of our anger may not really understand why we are behaving the way we are.

Perhaps we would be like a particular father who happened to be traveling on a train with his little boy. The man unintentionally broke some sort of rule on the train, and the ticket collector flew into a rage. He screamed, scolded, turned red in the face, and berated the father at great length. Meanwhile, the little boy was looking on, and he didn't know what to make of the sight. He just couldn't understand why his father was putting up with all this verbal abuse.

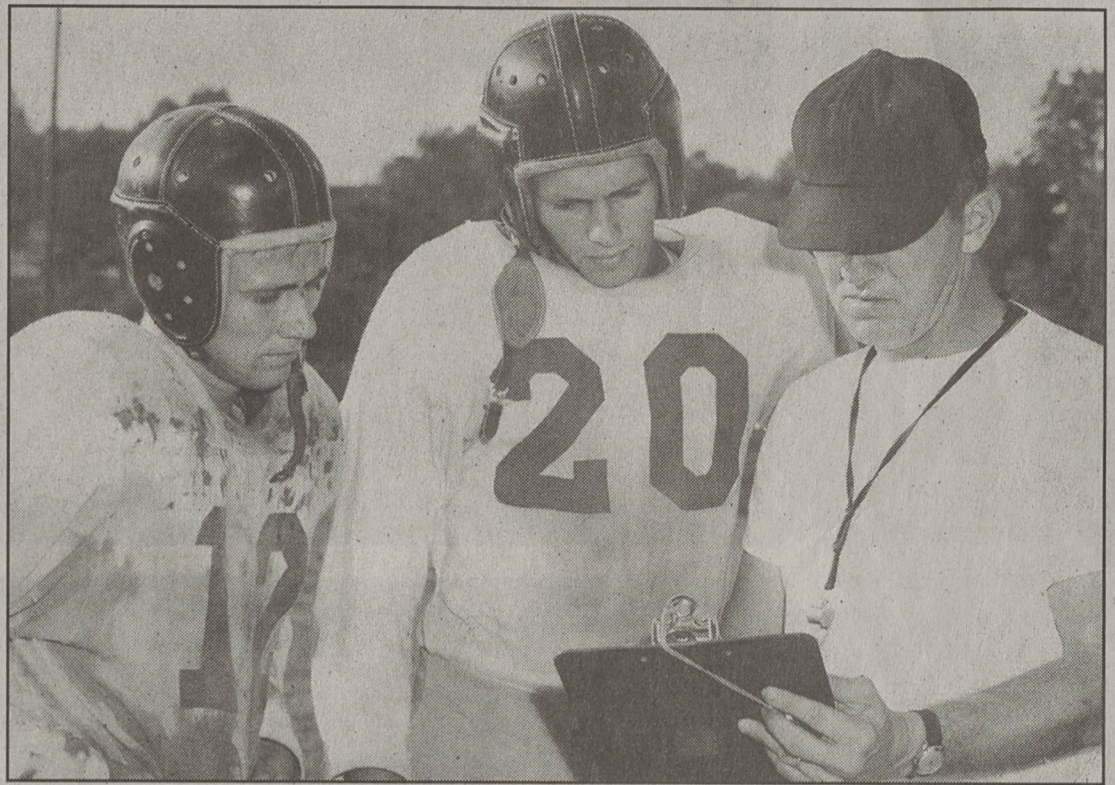
When the ticket collector finally got it all out of his system and went on his way, the little boy looked up at his father and said, "Papa, why didn't you get mad back at that man?" The father smiled at his little boy and said, "Well, it's like this son. That poor man has to put up with himself all throughout

his life. Surely it's no big deal for me to put up with him for just a few minutes." Now that's patience, and I would like to be able to say that I am always that patient, but I'm not. Yes, I too get angry unnecessarily sometimes. It's painful to admit it, but it's true nonetheless, and those are times when I have caused the most hurt to those I love.

It has been said, "In life, the miles stretch ahead of you, but the things that trip you up are inside you." Sometimes things break, or maybe things just don't turn out the way we expect them to, but that is all the more reason for us to turn to God for strength when our strength or patience is just about gone. Whether it's the heat outside or the hurt inside, all of us need to think about how our feelings or temperament are affecting others. After all, it's a sad thing when we allow ourselves to get angry so easily or so often that we make ourselves difficult to live with.

Jeff Hensley is pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist.

## LOOKING BACK



Kings Mountain High football coach Shu Carlton, right, goes over play with halfback Don McCarter, left, and quarterback Ollie Harris Jr. in 1953.

# KM's Second Baptist broke ground for new education building in '52

From the June 12, 1952 edition of The Herald:

Second Baptist Church will break ground for its new \$100,000 educational plant and church building with special ceremonies at the Linwood Road site Sunday at 3 p.m. Principal speaker will be Rev. Judson L. Vipperman, D.D., pastor of Long Creek Baptist Church of Dallas.

Miles and Ernest Mauney, twin concert pianists of New York City, won a \$1,000 prize on the "Chance of a Lifetime" TV show last Thursday. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Mauney Sr. of Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain's new bus terminal is scheduled to open Monday under the management of Paul Byers, former ticket agent and Democratic nominee for constable.

Mrs. Helen Ramsey Blanton, veteran employee of First National Bank, was promoted to the position of assistant cashier at a meeting

of the board of directors Monday.

Brice Harry, seven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Harry, is in Asheville Orthopedic hospital receiving treatment for a mild case of polio, and his 18-month-old brother Robert Harry has a non-paralytic case of polio, according to diagnosis of Dr. T.A. Campbell. A cousin, Jacquitha Rountree, has been a polio patient at the Asheville hospital for the past two weeks.

Kings Mountain's Juniors edged Cherryville 11-10 with a ninth inning rally Friday night. Ollie Harris Jr. and Lefty Moss had two hits each for the winners.

Phil Mauney placed third in the Gaston County 4-A Beef Show and Sale just outside of Dallas Monday.

Good buys - A new G.E. electric range was \$209.95 at Sterchi's. A 40-gallon water heater was \$159.95, and an 8-cubic foot G.E. refrigerator was \$219.95...

Dixie Home Super Market

had corn 4 ears for 29 cents squash two pounds for 17 cents, 10-pound bags of flour for 96 cents, bacon for 35 cents a pound, rabbits for 59 cents a pound, Octagon soap 3 cakes for 10 cents, Real-Kill for 69 cents a pint, and two large packages of Ivory Snow for 55 cents.

Father's Day specials at Kings Mountain Rexall Drug Store included a Kodak Duaflex II camera for \$14.50 and cigarettes for \$1.75 per carton. Pal Double and Single Edge razor blades were 44 for 98 cents, Molle shaving cream was 63 cents for an 8-ounce jar, and Wildroot Cream-Oil was 59 cents.

Admission to the Imperial Theatre was 30 cents for adults and 9 cents for children. Saturday's features were "Valley of Fire" with Gene Autry and "Pecos River" with Charles Starrett. A new serial "Capt. Video - Chapter 1" plus two cartoons and comedy were included in the price.

# Silly season in full swing

Keith Hernandez, former baseball player and now a broadcaster for the New York Mets got castigated recently because he said a baseball dugout was no place for a woman.



Jim Heffner  
Guest Column

Well, he was right.

This is the silly season, I guess, and maybe it's here to stay. God knows I don't

have anything against women. I love them all, but I don't think they need to go everywhere a man goes just to prove their competence.

A professional team's dressing room, for instance, should be off limits to women. There are big old hairy men in there in various states of undress, yet you will find a woman reporter there in almost every case.

Professional sports teams have been blackmailed to allow the practice at the risk of being called intolerant by a mind-numbed press.

Speaking of silly, sports and women, did anybody

notice this past year that all the college basketball games utilized a woman reporter on the sidelines? What's that all about?

Let's see now, there are two broadcasters in the booth and one on the sidelines. The woman's job, as I see it, is to stop one of the coaches at halftime as he is going into the dressing room to chew his team out, and ask him a dumb question or two. She could just let the female reporter who is probably already in the dressing room handle that chore. All of this is overkill on the part of the networks.

Silly doesn't apply just to sports. Some of your neighbors seem to be afflicted.

I have noticed that people have begun pruning and shaping their azaleas. A square azalea just looks silly. As someone once said, it just isn't done.

And what about all those trees with plastic eggs tied to the branches around Easter time. The only thing I've seen sillier than that is a yard full of gigantic plastic eggs scattered around. I don't know what that was supposed to symbolize. And what does a rabbit have to do with eggs anyway? They

bear their young alive.

I guess about the silliest thing I've heard about in many a year is that judge in Nebraska who refused to send a child molester to prison because she felt he was too short.

"He wouldn't be able to survive in there with all those big people," she said.

Can anybody tell me the basis of such perverted logic. Is this judge saying that if you are five feet or less, it's OK to molest children?

I've got an idea. The federal government could build a small prison for little people. Think of the savings on material costs. Doll house furniture would work, and all prisoners five feet or under could be transferred to the FMP (Federal Midget Prison).

It works for me. I wonder if the Nebraska judge would consider sending her nasty little rapist to the FMP?

If that idea doesn't fly, we could always fall back on an old Heffner idea. Just shoot the little squirt.

Come to think of it, maybe the judge could keep him company on the firing line.

Is this the silly season? You bet.

## Opinion Page Policy

The Herald welcomes your letters to the editor for publication in each Thursday's paper. All letters must be signed, and for verification purposes include the address and phone number. Letters should be limited to 500 words.

Mail your letter to Editor, The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; fax to (704) 739-0611; or e-mail to KMH Letters@kingsmountainherald.com. Letters sent by fax and e-mail must also include name, mailing address and phone number for verification purposes.

Letters may be edited. Letters to the editor and columnists who appear on the editorial page do not necessarily represent the views of the Kings Mountain Herald.

"The Senate - in its move to placate illegal aliens while seeming tough on border security - is attempting to play 'good cop, bad cop.' But the fact remains all they're doing is playing Barney Fife and putting Otis back on the streets."

Congressman Patrick McHenry

Reach 25,000 readers in Cleveland and Gaston Counties while helping to encourage the ministry of local churches. You can advertise your business in the Kings Mountain Herald, Cherryville Eagle or Belmont Bannernews.

1x2  
\$10 per week per paper.

Contact Kelly Crocker to advertise today!  
Call 704-739-7496 ext. 25 or email:  
kcrocker@kingsmountainherald.com

SAVE MONEY

Save on Auto Insurance.

We offer a variety of auto insurance discounts. Call me... Stop by... Log on - it's your choice!  
• Auto • Home • Financial Products • Business

**John Caveny**  
210 East King Street  
Kings Mountain  
739-3953  
cavenyj@nationwide.com

**Nationwide**  
On Your Side™

Life insurance underwritten by Nationwide Life Insurance Company, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Affiliated Companies. Home Office: Columbus, OH 43215-2220 8/05

Save up to \$1,100 cool cash on our coolest system.\*

**SHELBY Heating & Air**

If you should ever have an emergency with your heating and cooling system, let our trained technicians put it right - right now. No matter what brand of heating and cooling system you have.

Our Carrier technicians are the most qualified repair technicians in the business, trained and equipped to find the problem quickly and fix it correctly. So, for fast, expert service on your heating and cooling system, call us...we're happy to help.

**Shelby Heating & A/C**  
Shelby, NC  
704-487-7877  
www.shelbyheating.com

Turn to the Expert