

Opinions... ♦♦♦

Yours, Ours, Others

Quote of the week

When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to change ourselves.

Viktor E. Frankl

Volunteerism pays for itself in KM



Lib Stewart
Managing Editor

In this period of high costs for about everything, there is at least one area where costs have not gone up - volunteerism.

It pays for itself. It pays in terms of tax dollars. Without volunteers, North Carolina would have to foot the

bill for many services its people now receive free.

It pays in terms of human development - a Big Brother is making his Little Brother's life a bit brighter. A child overcomes his reading challenges through special tutoring, a grandparent visiting a school.

Most of it all it pays off in self-development.

National Volunteer Week has just passed but it still time to tell these volunteers in our area that

we appreciate them.

One example of volunteering (and there are many in this area by churches, civic groups and individuals) is the Community Kitchen at Central United Methodist Church.

The hungry are always fed. Nearing its 13th birthday, the church project started out with just a handful of people serving lunch to whoever came.

Now that project has mushroomed. Volunteers from all

over the city serve lunch on Mondays from 11:30-12:15 and Thursday suppers beginning at 5:30. From the kitchen 400 meals are delivered to shut-ins. The supper crowd attracts 300-400 people. People start arriving about 3:30 or 4 p.m.

Jim Potter, who has led the kitchen crew since the project's inception, said the community kitchen has been a blessing to all who come and all who help. The Lord provides. They never

have to ask for money to keep the project going. The food comes from Second Harvest Food Bank and a major supplier is Food Lion, Shelby Road.

Volunteers come from not only the host church but many churches in the Kings Mountain area.

The generosity of Kings Mountain area people should be applauded every day and not just on National Volunteer Week.

What do you think - are speed bumps necessary at the post office?

The Kings Mountain post office has installed speed bumps in its parking lot after workers there for some months noticed excessive fast driving by customers.

"They are for the safety of employees and customers," said Monica Coach-

man, a spokesperson for the United States Postal Service. "Because of the location of our blue collection boxes, when our postal clerks went to empty the boxes, they often faced traffic traveling at a higher rate of speed than is advisable for the parking area.

There were installed two weeks ago, and so far workers Gold St. location say they're having an effect and slowing drivers down.

"We realize they'll take some getting used to, but we're certain our customers understand the need for safety," Coachman said.



Looking Back

from the Tuesday, April 22, 1980 Kings Mountain Herald

A 10-member delegation from Mainland China visited Eaton Corporation here last week on what they termed a working visit to this country. John Major, General Manager, gave the visitors a tour of the facility on Grover Road.

You do not want to miss the Kings Mountain Little Theatre production of Alan Ayckbourn's adult com-

edy, "How the Other Half Loves" Thursday, April 24, at 8 p.m. at Park Grace Auditorium.

Advance tickets continue on sale by the Kings Mountain Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony for the May 6 concert to be held at 8 p.m. at B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

East Rutherford's Cavaliers scored a run in the top

of the first inning and made it stand up for a 1-0 victory over Kings Mountain Mountaineers in Southwest-ern 3-A Conference baseball action Wednesday afternoon at Lancaster Field.

Tim Leach hurled his second one-hitter of the week and struck out 13 Shelby batters Friday night at Shelby to lead Kings Mountain Mounties to a

4-0 Southwestern 3-A Conference victory over their county rivals.

In the Winn-Dixie advertisement in The Herald Clorox bleach was 46 cents a gallon; Porknbeans 5 cans for \$1 (16 oz. Size); Sherbet or ice cream was 98 cents for a half gallon; bacon was 88 cents a pound; and Holly Farm drumsticks or thighs 69 cents a pound.

Bad decisions, Age is only a number

Two police officers - one from South Carolina and one from Oklahoma should never have pulled their handguns. Their decisions took lives and forever destroyed families and their own personal lives. One cop was just 33 and the other 72.

A lot has been said about Michael T. Slager, a young man with a new baby due any day. His life is forever ruined by the decision to pull his gun and shoot Walter Scott in the back as he ran away. Much is also now being said about Bob Bates, a 72 year-old reserve cop from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He too made a very bad judgment that took the life of Eric Courtney and also forever changed lives.

Police officers have gotten more than their share of bad publicity in recent months. They've earned it. No one feels happy about cops if they've ever been harassed or talked down to by a police officer. What person has not felt somewhat threatened when pulled over by a police officer? The police have the authority and guns.

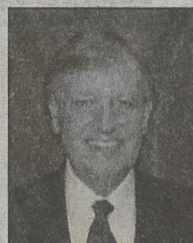
I am a supporter of the police. What kind of society would we have without them? If I need them I want them to show up.

People should not resist arrest or run from police officers. There is no future in such actions. While I believe that most of our police officers are good, hard working and ethical people there is the occasional lone idiot who has a badge and a gun and that combination of lunacy, authority and weaponry is very dangerous. They will surely hurt somebody, destroy a family and make the news. They also make it really difficult for the good police officers.

Putting a North Charleston, South Carolina officer Michael T. Slager, age 33, in jail recently for shooting a man eight times in the back was the right thing to do. He has zero business being a policeman. Bob Bates a 73 year-old reserve officer in Tulsa, Oklahoma, said he was reaching for his stun gun but instead pulled his real gun and killed a man already on the ground. He has been charged with second-degree manslaughter.

Two men are dead. Their families are in pain. Two police officers are going to jail. Multiple families are ruined forever. Bad decisions were made by people young and old and on both sides of the law.

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Sidewalk Survey

What are your travel plans for the spring and summer?



I'm going on a cruise. The Bahamas and western Caribbean.

-Rocky Pack



We're more beach people in the summer. Put me down for the beach.

-Joani Lineberger



I'd like to go the beach but it's out of the question because I have to work.

-Johnny Stevens



Beach or mountains. I haven't decided yet.

-Tom Phetmany

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