

## Letters to the Editor

### 'School Board Action Drastic' - Stoll

To the editor:  
I am a teacher in the Kings Mountain School District who has, by certified mail on January 11, been notified of my dismissal on the grounds of performing inadequately in the Kings Mountain schools. The letter states that the vote of the school board was unanimous.

This drastic action against me is shocking even though earlier I had received a letter from the superintendent of schools stating that he was contemplating recommending this action.

As a result of this action half of the financial support of my family of seven has been taken away. It is somewhat easier to explain to my son in high school why I cannot offer him financial support in college than it is to explain to my five year old daughter why she will not be able to stay in the First Baptist Kindergarten for the rest of the year. My family's emotions and future are greatly affected by this action of the school board.

Never in my almost 16 years of teaching have my motives been anything but to attempt to discipline and to instruct the children under my care. Nine years I have taught in Kings Mountain.

I apologize to the parents of four of my this year's students

for any action on my part which enraged them and caused them to come to a hearing to testify against me.

One father who has never spoken to me in person at the hearing made a statement to the fact that I embarrassed his son by standing him in the hall for unruly conduct and caused this child to miss instruction he needed to do his math. His wife who had had only one conference supported him in this matter.

A grandmother complained that I used undue discipline on her grandchild because of a bruise found on the child's ankle. X-ray report was negative as to damage.

A father to whom I had only spoken once on the telephone came to influence the school board against me. His complaint was directed not only at me, but involved the teacher with whom I was team teaching.

Another father complained that he assumed that I would not answer his son's questions because his son was asking him more questions at home about his math.

A mother of a child in my 1972-73 reading class stated that she came to the hearing at the suggestion of the superintendent. She had only a very few conferences with me concerning what she considered a reading problem with her child and none at all with the principal of North School and me together.

The testimony of a minister's wife who so emphatically inferred that her teaching was superior to mine is puzzling to me also. She has only a high school education and no college training. She was used in the classroom while the action was being finalized against me. How could she justly pass judgment when she has never but once observed any of my teaching?

I would like to thank three teachers and 12 parents of children who have studied under my instruction for taking to witness on my behalf at the hearings on January 3-4. Their support of me has taught me that people do care to get involved when undue persecution is directed at an individual. I also would like to thank those who wrote letters to the school board on my behalf. I would like to state that I do not understand why their good faith in me did not influence the school board to allow me to continue in the profession for which I have been well-trained and of which I am proud.

I would like to ask that all Christian people who read this letter to pray for me that justice will prevail soon and I will be reinstated into the teaching profession.

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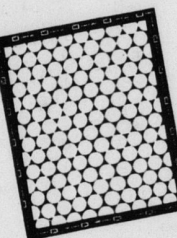
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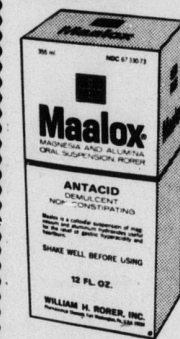
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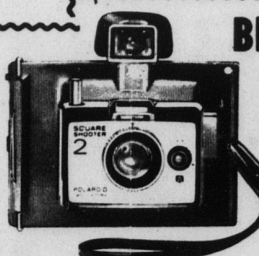


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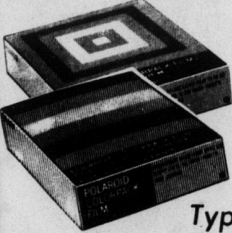


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