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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

More than just talk

At a time when energy, or how to save it, has become everyday conversation, the Mayor and city board of commissioners are doing more than talking about the subject - it's taking action.

The board took action at a recent meeting to do something positive about helping area citizens in the energy crisis expected to hit with the winter weather.

Specifically, the city is getting in line for federal assistance, when and if the Congress passes the Excise Profit Tax Bill which is a portion of the general energy bill now before them.

An Energy Crisis Program, according to the Mayor, would provide a maximum of \$400 per household for fuel assistance and a winterization-weatherization assistance for such items as storm windows, doors and insulation for qualifying families.

Mayor John Moss said he has been informed by members of Congress that legislation should be available and part of the program before the real severe winter sets in.

A "time table" on taking of applications from local families will be announced soon, said the Mayor, who plans to chair a local committee to give needy families a chance to apply for assistance under the two programs.

"We'll be ready when the federal legislation is approved," said the Mayor.

Local citizens should be elated with the news.

Dr. Hord

Younger generation citizens of Kings Mountain did not know Dr. David Fletcher Hord, 56, as well as some of the rest of us, though it is likely Dr. Hord, a Kings Mountain native, knew many of them. At least it is quite likely that Dr. Hord took care of many of their childhood tooth ailments during his long practice in Kings Mountain.

The whole community was shocked Wednesday and joins with his family in mourning the passing of a friend, who was not only tops in his profession, but a gentleman respected for his devotion to his family, his church and his community. With his patients he was well known for his spontaneous wit and cheerfulness that soon made them forget their fears.

Wednesday, his day off from a busy schedule, "Puff" Hord was among a party of eight golfers, all longtime

friends, on a day of golfing in Asheville. Dr. Hord died on the golf course Wednesday afternoon of a massive heart attack.

D.F. Hord had many friends in the Kings Mountain area and state, both social and professional, and his accomplishments attest to the traits of high character and noble purpose with which he was imbued, and to the high esteem with which he was regarded by medical compatriots and patients. He will be missed.

Give a check

If you haven't, draw a liberal check for the Kings Mountain United Way Campaign 1980.

A solicitor said the other day that one gift this year will benefit 22 causes and Kings Mountain citizens are known for oversubscribing this appeal.

A goal of \$55,000 is no great amount of money for the citizens of Kings Mountain to supply this worthy project.

Watch kids

The local schools are open for the Fall term and hundreds of students of all ages are walking the streets to make their way to the respective buildings or standing on highways for school buses. Many of these children are excited and probably not as alert as they should be for traffic.

This is a reminder to drive safely. It's better to be late than to break the speed limits and take chances at striking a pedestrian.

Currently underway are the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary membership drives. The Auxiliary, as an important adjunct to the American Legion, is an organization devoted to noble ideas and worthy of the activity of those eligible for its rolls. Since World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam Conflict, about every man and woman are eligible.

Attend the Cleveland County Community Fair, underway through next Saturday at the Fairgrounds on U.S. 74-West. The Fair offers something for every member of the family.



GARY STEWART



Kevin Weaver

Arnold's double...

They say everyone has a double somewhere. The double for Gary Coleman, the fat-checked, 11-year-old Arnold on TV's "Different Strokes" is right here in Kings Mountain.

He's Kevin Weaver, 5-5, 130-pound fullback on Kings Mountain Junior High's jayvee football team. Kevin's cheeks aren't quite as fat, but otherwise, he's a perfect Gary Coleman.

Now, Kevin, if you can make people laugh and get a connection with Hollywood, you've got it made...

Who is Brad Causby and how did he get in the Kings Mountain lineup?

If you're a KMHS grid fan, you probably noticed in that Charlotte paper's writeup of the KM-East Rutherford game that Kevin Mack caught a 75-yard touchdown pass from Brad Causby. But who is Brad Causby? Certainly not the KMHS quarterback, which happens to be Jeff Cloninger.

Actually, Mack didn't score on a 75-yard pass, but a 75-yard run. It was also said Mack returned a fumble 88 yards for another TD. That was in error also. It was a pass interception return.

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And, while on football... The fan blowing the whistle in the stands Saturday night is not much of a fan at all. You could have cost the Mountaineers a 15-yard penalty, which, in a close game, could have made a big difference.

Next time, how about leaving your whistle at home? If you can't part with it, stay home yourself. Your two dollars won't break the school.

LOOKING BACK

(Items of interest about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the Oct. 1, 1953 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald)

Sgt. First Class Bailey Gillespie, 23, arrived home Monday night after 1,012 days as a Korean Prisoner of War. He will be formally recognized at the Kings Mountain-Forest City football game at City Stadium Friday night.

Members of Grover School District formally petitioned the county board of education to call a vote on the proposal to consolidate the School districts in No. Four Township at a meeting of the committee Thursday night.

Members of Second Baptist Church are to hold 11 o'clock worship service Sunday in the new edifice across the street from the old building on Linwood Road.

Social and Personal

Dinner and dancing featuring Lewis Cathey and Orchestra will highlight the regular monthly Club Night Party of Kings Mountain Country Club members and guests on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ham were guests during the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shytle in Charleston, S.C.

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE--If any man has ears to hear, let him hear. Mark 7:16

EMELYN GAINES
Tallulah Falls, Georgia

Newspaper typos are embarrassing to reporters also...



Lib Stewart

He tosses it aside and says its strictly on the bum.

But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

He reads about the weddings and he snorts like all get out.

He reads the social doins with a most derisive shout.

He says they make the papers for the women folk alone.

He'll read about the parties and he'll fume and fuss and groan;

He says of information it does n'r have a crumb-

But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come.

He is always first to grab it and he reads it plum clean through

He doesn't miss an item, or a want ad, that's true.

He says they don't know what we want, those newspaper guys,

I'm going to take a day sometime and go and put 'em wise.

Sometimes it seems as though they must be deaf and dumb and blind:

But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come."

'Nuf said?

BEULAH

When sorrow seems to swamp us
And so lonely feels our path,
We fall to look up and thank God
That our loved one's journey is over at last.
Her pain while here was so very much
That she could hardly stand
But thanks be to Him above
She's reached her sojourns end.
Her travels here were beset with trials
When the devil had his way,
I saw her body wracked with pain
And my pity held full sway.
An my love for her I pleaded
God, Of course, they will be done
But please, Father, remember
Her time with this has been long.
Her body is frail and broken
But she's remarked to visitors and me
"I don't why I've suffered so,
But there's a reason, God does nothing haphazardly.

So, God in the midst of her pain
She bore a testimony for thee
That has always been her life's meaning
She walked in light that others might see.
I traveled with her in my childhood
Even when she'd rather been alone
She always had time for a raggedy little sis
She gave to my life a song.

In those days I had no identity
I was just Beulah's little Sister
It's natural my mind goes back to those days
Oh, how my heart does miss her!
But when I sat by her bed at night
And saw her suffering and pain
I'm glad she's gone before me
To show me the way again.
Our family has been drawn closer
As often she was able to do,
So I'll forget the dark and look to the light
O Beulah how I love you.
Please notice I said love and not loved
Because it's not over, you see
We will meet in that bright tomorrow
And together we will always be

JUANITA OXFORD
Kings Mountain

AUTUMN SPELLS APPLES

Apples shining through the leaves
Apples lying on the ground,
Apples falling off a limb
Making the fall sound.
An apple for the teacher
is the general rule,
In between the home-work
an apple red in school.

Apple peels making jelly
to fill all the little jars,
to go with peanut butter
as far away as Mars.
Apples making cider
Apples cooking in the stove,
Seasoned with sugar sweetness
and a dash of clove.

Apples picked in large baskets
waiting here and there,
Two apples in an orchard
make a pretty pair.
Apples by the bushel
When the trees take their stand,
Apples to the owner
is money in the hand.

VIVIAN S. BILTCLIFFE

Poets Corner



MANY MANSIONS

There are many mansions
In Our Father's house above
Where the Saviour is preparing
For those purchased by His blood.
They're built for eternity,
Not on the sinking sand,
There'll be no fear of earthquakes,
And forever they shall stand.
There will be no drafty windows
And I'm sure no leaky roof
Nor will there be need for spraying
They'll be bug and termite proof
Built there near the tree of life
Perhaps beneath its shade
Surrounded by a garden
Where the roses never fade.
There'll be no dirty floors up there
To agonize the soul
Since they are situated
Along the streets of gold.
They will never need repairs
And there'll be no paint to fade
No dread of monthly payments
For the price is fully paid.
Yes, the price has all been paid
In full for you and me.
When the Saviour bought our pardon
By His death on Calvary.

CALVIN WRIGHT
Kings Mountain

THE LADY IN WHITE

When you are sick
And can't do things right,
You are so glad to see
The Lady dressed in white.

She does all kind of things
To make you feel better
She rubs your back
And even writes for you a letter.

A million and one things
Are done every day
She helps make you well
Then sends you on your way.

Don't forget the Doctors
Who are working for you
They do their best to make you well
Depending on what is wrong, they know
Just what to do.

MYRTLE GOFORTH

Letters to the editor Get out and vote

Dear Editors,

Time stands still for no one!

Failure of not using allotted time properly and wisely can greatly determine one's fate as well as one's future.

Life continues to go on. Politics as well. There has been lengthy discussions, heated and otherwise, as to the question of a need for change in the inner-workings of city government.

Lots of talk, yet nothing being done about it by the voting citizens of Kings Mountain. Why?

Surely if one is really concerned, and is sincere, why hasn't there been change? The answer has to be "unconcerned citizens." A lot of talk, little action. Time stands still for no one.

The old clock is ticking away. Use what allotted time properly and wisely and determine within your heart and mind that change must be made for the betterment of all citizens, the utmost priority. It's all together or divided we fall!

Your determination to get out to the polls will determine your future, your fate as to

your well-being in the future as well as to your children.

Do you really want change? Prove it to yourself. Get out of this apathy and vote your honest and sincere convictions.

EVERETTE PEARSON
Kings Mountain

Nice team

Dear Editors,

Congratulations, Lib and Gary. It could not have happened to a nicer team!

I enjoyed the article Gary had in last issue about my sister and brother-in-law and the Cirrus I had given her years ago. Little did I know then that they would make the local news.

EMELYN GAINES
Tallulah Falls, Georgia