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LOOKING BACK

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Belk's Department Store has purchased the Battleground Avenue building it now uses for its Men's Store from Dr. D.M. Morrison, Kings Mountain and Shelby optometrist.

Glee Edwin Bridges and B.S. Peeler Jr. will serve as co-chairmen of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association Christmas opening committee, it was announced this week by Dan Huffstetler, president.

Social and Personal

Little Patty Steffy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Steffy, celebrated her fourth birthday anniversary Monday afternoon and her mother entertained with a party at their home on East King St. Members of the Home Arts Club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Fred Plonk on Crescent Circle.



Poets Corner

THE QUEST OF THE TIMES

We are forever making something like bees making honey, The thought upper-most is how to make money.

If we can't make something big We won't make anything at all, There are those who make a visit There are those who make a call.

There are those who make history Some make the hall of fame. Some have the knack of making life a game.

There are those who make friends there are those who make a foe, It would be wise to learn how to make love grow.

The least that we work at perhaps that which we should, Is to seek the best way To make a day good.
Vivian S. Biltcliffe

Letters to the editors

Only 1 term?

Dear Editors,

I was interested in the observation by Leon Jaworski in a public statement quoted by the Associated Press that he is about convinced that the President of the United States should have only one four-year term.

"By the time the second term rolls around the President has drunk too much of the nectar of power, it seems," says the former Watergate Prosecutor.

There is another disadvantage to the nation in the vast amount of time the President devotes during the second half of his first term to re-election endeavors.

One must wonder just how many of his actions during the last of the first term are dictated by sheer politics to aid in his re-election to a second term.

EVERETTE PEARSON
Kings Mountain

Something bothering you? Get it off your chest. Feel good about something? Share it. We want to hear from you. Address your letters to the editors to Reader Dialogue, P.O. Box 752, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Kids Feel Stress Just Like Adults

We had to take our 2½ year old son to the hospital last week to have tests run to determine why he was experiencing recurring stomach pains. That's all I need. A 2½ year old with ulcers!

I realize that most of us adults live under a lot of pressure and the ulcer rate in the country is high, but it never occurred to me that our kids might live under pressure too.

I started thinking about it and I guess kids live under their own kind of pressure, and relatively speaking, it is just as tough on them as our stress is on us.

I mean, I just read where the muppets are cancelling their TV show and to my little son, that is a catastrophe.

And how do I know what pressures he might be under at nursery school? And my wife Ellen, is thinking about changing him to another nursery school next year. Think how traumatic that could be.

Then there is the crisis at MacDonalds. They put in a drive-thru window and Ben almost gets run down when he tries to get in the front door of the place due to the new traffic flow.

His toys break and I don't have time to fix them. That causes him concern.

And of course, he is always having trouble with batteries going dead. And that is a real problem for a little fellow when he is trying to operate a toy.

Then there are doctors snooping around and giving him shots every once in a while and they hurt. And think about all the bumps and bruises

Even the mayor of Charlotte...

Marjorie Ragan, writing in the Southern Pines Pilot, used some of former Charlotte Observer reporter Susan Jetson's favorite quotes of former Charlotte Mayor John Belk and a list of typos in her column recently reminding that all of us in the news business have problems with typographical errors at one time or another. They can be almost as embarrassing as the corrections.

Miss Jetson, now of the San Diego Union, has collected the syncopated syntax of the former Queen City Mayor and also a listing that the Charlotte paper had used of typos. We thought you'd be interested.

These are her favorites of His Honor:

1. "I feel as if this is a void we have lacked in the past."
2. On responsibility: "I know what a big shoulder it is."
3. "We ought to decide where our problems are and implement our own."
4. "My words might have been the wisdom for your knowledge."
5. "I think you're getting into something you don't want to get out of."
6. On his favorite part of politics: "What we call 'meet the flesh'."
7. "Tell us what it is, and we'll know whether we didn't get it or not."
8. On his secretary: "Belinda's her mother's apple."
9. "You can't be unreasonable about something until you get the facts."
10. On Charlotte's key to the city: "It may not be as eloquent as others."
11. "Will there be any mediums in the new expressway?"
12. "This would solve the solution."
13. On a school desegregation plan: "The thing I'm scared of and this is what we've been trying to stress, is education."
14. "That is not deductive to good planning."
15. "I always get a little mixed up when I have to stop and think."



Lib Stewart

The Charlotte paper's list of typos it had made: 1) April 8, 1978: "Because of a typographical error ... a story about radio station WRPL newscaster Barry Sidwell called his commentary irresponsible. The word was supposed to be irrepresible."

2) July 31, 1974: "Due to a typographical error, a review said Steve Umberger and Becky Kent - at the Mint Hill Dinner, have shabby haircuts. The review should have said they have shaggy haircuts."

3) Jan. 15, 1975: "A typographical error had baby Carmen Elizabeth Smith not liking sow's milk. It should have been cow's milk she did not like."

4) July 19, 1973: "A story about Gov. John West urging establishment of a second medical school and a story about the opening of a new abortion clinic were improperly placed with each story getting the other story's headline. Gov. West's picture also appeared with the wrong story."

5) Sept. 21, 1973: "The jetliner pictured in Tuesday's Observer was incorrectly identified as a DC9 and incorrectly identified again Thursday as a Boeing 707. The airplane in the photo was Boeing 737."

6) Nov. 10, 1975: "A story incorrectly said the Klansmen marched two blacks through town about 3 p.m. and more out of town by 3:40 p.m. The story should have said the Klansmen marched two blacks through town and were out of town by 3:40 p.m."

7) April 24, 1977: "The name of Beverly Sanford, who won The Charlotte Observer's Regional Spelling Bee, was misspelled Saturday."

Garland Atkins



he gets every day.

And I know how he worries about the fact that everytime he tries to count to ten, he leaves out "Six, Seven and Eight." That has to frustrate him.

And why don't lightning bugs come out in the daytime. You don't have that to worry about but he does.

And he can't understand why he can't talk on the telephone to everyone who calls that is frustrating.

And just the everyday problems of growing up are enough to give any kid an ulcer.

I'm glad mine doesn't have one yet. But when the animal crackers run out—there is room for concern. Adults don't have a patent on stress. Little boys worry oo.

Well, excuusseeeee meeeeee!!!!

"Check's in the mail!" That's the cry of the indebted Americano bird when the finance company chase man calls on him.

Excuses for this, excuses for that - it seems to be the system to rid one's self of guilt because we have not done our duty in some way.

Sometimes the excuses become hilarious and are greatly anticipated by those on the receiving end. Take for instance some excuses received in the school system (not here) over the years.

"Please excuse Johnny for being absent January 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 ..."

"Chris did not come to school yesterday because he had an acre in his side ..."

"Mary could not come to school because she was bothered by a very close valve ..."

"My son was absent from school because he had two teeth taken out of his face ..."

"I kept Billie home because he had to go Christmas shopping because I didn't know what size he wore ..."

"Please excuse Gloria. She has been sick and under the doctor ..."

"My son is under the doctor's care and should not take physical education. Please excuse him ..."

"Billie was absent from school yesterday as she had a going over ..."

"Please excuse Joey Friday. He had loose vowels ..."

"Please excuse Blanche from jim today. She is administrating ..."

"Please excuse Joyce from P.E. for a few days. She fell out of a tree and misplaced her hip ..."

"Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football and was hurt in the growing part ..."

"My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines ..."

"Please excuse Dianne from being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps ..."

"Please excuse Jimmie from being absent. It was his father's fault ..."

"Mary Ann was absent December 11-13 because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick with fever and sore throat. Her brother had a low grade fever and ache all over. I wasn't the best either; sore throat and fever. Must be the flu going around. Her father even got it last night ..."

"But, the schools do not receive all of the funny mail. Other institutions, such as the welfare department, also receive some dooseys.

How about this one? "I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children. I have seven but one died which was baptised on half sheet of paper ..."

"I am writing to the welfare department to say that my baby was born two years old. When do I get my money back? ..."

"Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited regularly by the clergy ..."

"I am glad to report that my husband who was reported missing is dead ..."

"Please find out for certain if my husband is dead, as the man I am now living with can't eat or anything until he finds out ..."

"I am very annoyed to find you have branded my boy illiterate as thi dirty lie. I was married to his father the week before he was born ..."

"In answer to your letter, I have given birth to a boy weighing ter pounds. I hope this is satisfactory ..."

"I want quick as possible. I have been in bed with a doctor for two weeks and he hasn't done me any good. If things don't improve, I will have to send br another doctor!"

As Steve Martin would say ...

... "Well, excuusseeeee meeeeee!"



TOM McINTYRE