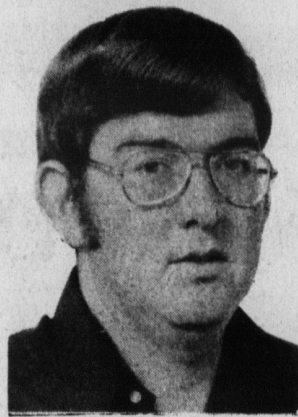


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GARY STEWART

North Image Needs To Be Raised, Davis Says

Students transferring away from North School may someday be a problem, members of the Board of Education feel.

A huge number of the total transfers acted upon each year involve students transferring away from North, often-times to West or Bethware.

Superintendent William Davis says members of the board, administration and faculty of North need to "raise North's image in the eyes of the public."

Davis didn't elaborate on what North's "image" is, but Harold Lineberger, newest member of the board, said as he looked over the names of students transferring from North he noted a number of "culturally advantaged" students.

"Is this going to drain North of its best students?" Lineberger wants to know.

Supt. Davis and trustee June Lee, who has worked closely with North for a number of years as a parent volunteer, say some teachers are beginning to worry about the problem.

Of course, the board can solve the problem easily by denying the transfer requests.

"But," says Davis, "I would prefer to see the problem handled by the office and faculty striving to make North a good school. I see some pluses in parents preferring students go to other schools, unless it creates an overload."

Why the big desire to go to West and Bethware? Mrs. Lee says the answer partly goes back to several years ago when the school districts were

realigned. Many homes that were in the West district were placed in the North district. Parents preferred that their children continue to attend West.

"It's always been that way," noted chairman Marian Thomasson. "When we were growing up, everybody wanted to go to West."

Bethware and West continually rank high in reading programs than most other elementary schools in the district. But beginning this fall, all schools will implement the same reading program.

The board granted 31 transfers at its regular meeting last Monday night. Those figures may seem alarming on paper, but are misleading.

"They're not all new requests," Davis pointed out. "A lot of them make requests every year." Parents living out-of-district must make a transfer request every school year.

Bill McDaniel sees as a possible solution the denial of transfers for students not currently enrolled in school. "Let the ones already there stay, but don't make any more transfers before they start to school. Cut it off at the kindergarten level," he says.

"It's something we might have to keep on our mind," said Davis. "But I feel it's an image thing that can be improved. It's a public relations kind of thing that involves getting parents gung-ho about the school. And, in some cases, the parents may not be as interested in the school as some of the other parents."

Letters to the editors

Why I Love America

Dear Editors,

People are always writing negative things about America. I would rather concentrate on the positive

aspects of America because it is the positive things that make America so special to me.

A recent situation that shows America's generosity is the importing into our country of over 100,000 Cubans, who were discarded by their own country. Not only was this generous of our nation, but was also an act of sacrifice since our country was in a recession.

Also in years past, America, with open arms, has given freely of our resources and aid to other underdeveloped countries. Sending others food and machinery to try to bring a better way of life to the rest of the world illustrates another unselfish aspect of America. The remarkable thing about our giving is that we have not asked for anything in return.

Although these are admirable traits, the main reason why America is so important to me is its freedom. Not just freedom of religion and speech, but the freedom to realize my fullest potential, that is, it allows me as a woman to become anything, from a housewife to a politician.

CINDY STOWE
 Miss Gastonia Charm
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 Gastonia, N.C.

Enjoyed Visit

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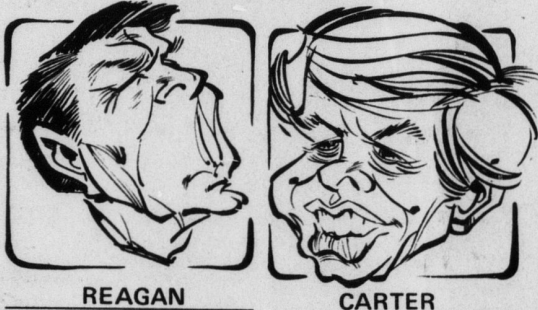
It was good to see you when I was in Kings Mountain on my office hours schedule recently. I am sorry that I could not spend more time with you, but look forward to my next visit to the area.

I especially enjoyed visiting your new facilities there. I had read about the new office in the papers, and was glad to have the chance to tour it.

I appreciate also, your taking the time out to talk with me and want you to know that I look forward to working with you and the other members of the Herald staff in the future.

Again, thanks for your hospitality and continued co-operation.

JAMES T. BROYHILL
 Member of Congress



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What's Your Opinion?

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.



Poets Corner

WHERE-EVER MY LIFE MAY TOUCH

Where-ever my life may touch today
 May flowers blossom in bright array,
 May the weary ones smile
 And a burden made light,
 May brightness as the dawn
 Shine through the night.

May a sorrowful heart sing
 Because of me.

A happy song as a robin in a tree,
 May someone laugh
 And the sound ring loud,
 May today be beautiful
 Without a cloud.

Where-ever my life may touch today

May the fragrance linger
 And dispell dismay,
 May the weary ones smile
 And know delight;

Because of me, may today be bright.
 Vivian S. Biltcliffe

LOOKING BACK

(From the Aug. 21, 1952 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald)

Some 60 to 70 citizens braved a heavy rain last Thursday night to attend the special meeting of the city board of commissioners and to hear Electric Engineer Max Miller outline reasons for the city's change in electrical power schedule.

Kings Mountain district board of school trustees set Tuesday, September 2, as school opening date and completed hiring of faculty at the regular August meeting.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Patricia Anne Harris and Billy Bennett Sumrell were married Saturday in First Presbyterian Church.

Tanya Roberts Will Be Different Angel

Things may be getting tough in the world but there's no problem finding angels. Not if your name is Charlie and you have some "private eyeing" for them to do.

Chic, statuesque Jayne Kennedy, who once lured men and women viewers to CBS' "NFL Today" Sunday football show, was hot to trot for the job. But the ABC network and producers thought that at five feet, ten inches she was a mite too tall. So meet Tanya Roberts, red-haired, blue eyed and five-feet seven who will replace Shelley Hack on "Charlie's Angels" on WSOC-TV (9) next month.

Tanya will be a little different from the other angels. The fact sheet lists her as Julie Richards, a girl who had done time for shoplifting. She became a police undercover agent to get back on the right track. The angels, it says here, "liked her work and invited her to join them."

Of course, Charlie and the girls liked Miss Hack, too. In fact they pitched a big party to properly introduce her to the press, something that was done for no other angel! Before the party was over the senior girls were fussing about something. Before the season was over Shelley was gone. Some say she didn't exhibit enough sexy magnetism. I don't know.

"Let me tell you," said Tanya in a cool, quiet voice. "I'm not going to be any gun moll. My role will be more the character of Kate Jackson."

MISS JACKSON was one of the original three angels. Scuttlebutt says she too was fired. She says she quit. Producer Aaron Spelling says there's truth in both versions. You figure it out.



Emery Wister

Showtime

Anyway, Tanya is very pretty, poised, 25 years old and quite certain she won't be hurt.

"The way I see it I'm in a no lose situation," she said. "They can't hurt me. I'm not worried about it. My husband is not worried. I do not think the show exploits women. There's not going to be much cheesecake. This is not a cheesecake show."

"I didn't get here overnight. I've paid my dues. I've done a few other things."

What she did was play in roles of varying size and import on stage and in movies and TV. She also played a San Francisco detective in a two hour segment of the "Vegas" series. That's probably what got her the Angels job.

She was born in the Bronx and is a nut about old movies she saw on television. By the time she was 17 she was acting in off Broadway plays and little theatre productions at night and making TV commercials by day. She was married at 18, and moved with her screen writer husband to California in 1977.

SPELLING AND his co-producers pretend weariness with all the talk of sexual exploitation of women on the show. But you better believe their eyes dance with delight with all the publicity it gets. Now it'll be going on the air at 8 p.m. Sundays, which means it's being tailored for family viewing. They frown on any talk of undersized, scanty clothing and say there will be little violence.

"Action and adventure," says co-producer Elaine Ritch. "Not much violence. We don't have much of that anyway."

Spelling is so determined to get the new Angel off to a good start he even changed her name. Originally, she was to be known as Julie Richards. Now it's Julie Rogers. I asked Miss Rogers why the change.

"I don't know, maybe Rogers is easier to say," she said. But remember Richards was Mary Tyler Moore's last name in her late great series. Spelling doesn't want anyone accusing him of being a copycat.

But Tanya doesn't appear to be anyone's clone. She's a health nut, is "very much" into exercising and above all is determined no one thinks of her as a sexpot.

"I would avoid nudity and can only hope movies change again so that more is left to the imagination," she said. "And there will not be a Playboy centerfold of me. I'd be much too embarrassed."



Lib Stewart

Kids Love Tar Heels

"The kids love the feet" is the way Librarian Hazel Fryer described the tiny Tar Heels on the map Kings Mountain youngsters are receiving in a summer reading program which ends tomorrow (Wednesday) at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library.

The local library is participating in a state-wide reading program "From Hatteras to Cherokee." The program has focused on the state's rich folklore heritage and all over the state, children's librarians agree that this statewide effort in summer reading is already very successful - even doubling and tripling the participation in previous local programs.

Each library has used the basic theme and materials but planned its own variations on the summer-long program. For instance, one program was on Carolina Ghosts. Rev. Allen Jolley, minister of music at First Baptist Church, delighted the group with the reading of ghost stories and the group of youngsters moved into an eerie setting, an empty room.

Another time the kids dressed like pirates and later "walked the plank" in time to North Carolina folk tunes and received "gold," foil wrapped candy, from a pirate's chest.

On another day, the youngsters moved from the library reading room to the outdoors and sat under the trees.

The folklore theme is giving children who have traveled little an idea of what other parts of the state are like.

"Where would North Carolina be if Chimney Rock blew its top?" asked one student who never visited the N.C. mountains but had heard of Mount St. Helens. Another wide-eyed youngster mentioned he had known there were ghosts but never thought about there being any in North Carolina. He was enchanted with Tar Heel Ghosts as illustrated by the ghost stories read by Allen Jolley.

Reading their way from Hatteras to Cherokee has been a fun and learning experience for local kids who have proudly stamped their own North Carolina maps with tiny Tar Heels as they covered a wide range of materials and locations.

Kings Mountain citizens are feeling the money pinch of utility costs which are going up next month.

Holding electric bills to a manageable amount year-round is becoming a constant source of concern. Because our lifestyle and energy-use habits

play an important role in the size of our monthly bills, your bill may vary considerably from your neighbor who may live in an apartment or house of approximately the same size.

Energy experts offer these methods for holding your electric bills to a manageable amount year round:

- Watch the setting of your thermostat. Efficient operation can make a big difference in your energy use and the size of your bill.

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees in the summer. Every degree below 78 degrees can add about 8 percent to your cooling costs.

- Set it at 68 degrees in the winter. Each degree above that can add about 5 percent to your heating costs.

- Turn off appliances, including televisions and stereos, when you leave the room. Always turn off small appliances such as electric hair curlers and dryers when they are not in use.

- Know what you want before you open the refrigerator door. Holding the door open causes the refrigerator to operate longer.

- Operate the dishwasher only when it is filled to capacity.

- Turn off lights when you leave a room. Every energy-saving habit you can form will help.

- Keep doors and windows closed when your air conditioner or heating system is running. You are paying to heat or cool the air - keep it inside.

- Add weatherstripping or caulking around windows and doors to stop drafts. It is an inexpensive measure compared to the savings you may realize.

- Use small appliances for food preparation rather than major appliances when possible.

- In winter keep blinds or draperies on windows open on sunny days to help heat your apartment. Close drapes at night to hold heat inside.

- In summer keep blinds or draperies drawn on sunny days to help keep heat out.