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## EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

### A cooperative effort

The announcement Friday that Reliance Electric Company will build a \$33 million plant near Bethware School and employ over 400 area citizens was good news to a county which has a high unemployment rate.

It was just another in a long list of industries North Carolina has recruited in the past four years under the Hunt Administration.

Cleveland County has taken the lead in industry-recruiting for North Carolina.

Economic development, as clearly pointed out Friday in Raleigh, is a cooperative effort.

This announcement, as well as others in the past, was made possible because many people on the city, county and state level worked together.

Governor Hunt said the good news could not have been possible had it not been for county leaders such as Jack Palmer and the Cleveland

County Commissioners, and Shelby realtor John Barker, who handles many of the land transactions involving industries in this county.

Commissioner Palmer passed much credit along to Mayor John Moss and the City Commissioners of Kings Mountain, which is supplying sewer, water and natural gas to the site.

And Mayor Moss passed the praises on to the citizens of Kings Mountain, who had the foresightedness and willingness several years ago to vote for water and sewer bonds.

The overwhelming support of those bond referendums years ago is now paying big dividends for the city.

Recruitment of industry, then, is the responsibility of us all.  
Congratulations to us!

### Too many guidelines

"Every voter wants to know that his vote counted."

Those words, stated by Gastonia Attorney Jeff Guller on behalf of his client, Bobby Crawford, write-in candidate for Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, needs repeating.

Guller's statement came during the summation of his case before the North Carolina Board of Elec-

tions Friday in Shelby.

As Kenneth Babb, chairman of the board, began to read that group's decision following the two-day public hearing on whether or not to certify the November election, Guller and Crawford must have felt good.

The board was announcing it would require a recount of commissioner votes cast, in the November General Election, in which incumbent commissioners Hugh Dover, Jack Palmer and Coleman Goforth seemingly defeated the write-in campaign of Crawford, Duran Johnson and John Caveny Jr.

But, after announcing the recount, the Elections Board went on to tack on guidelines for the counting of votes that will make the re-count, in Crawford's eyes, maybe as confusing as the original count.

The people of Cleveland County who supported the write-ins, namely the Association of Cleveland County Taxpayers and others who think as they do, are not likely to be pleased with the board's decision. They would have preferred a new election, or at least, a recount, period.

Stipulations like some the Elections Board put on the recount, will do little to restore the voters' faith in public officials. A recount, period, would have.

### Reader Dialogue

#### Change must come

To the editors:  
Change must come about in all walks of life. There's either a change for worse or better.

It's a part of the makeup in life.

Scenery changes, nature changes; spring, summer, autumn, fall and winter.

Men and nature are much alike.  
Babyhood, childhood, adulthood, our yesterdays, our todays and our tomorrows change.

Change in government is certain as each new administration takes reign.

Without change, life would become boring indeed.

Each day, each moment, becomes a challenge to each change in one's day to day life.

Man was created as the most intelligent of God's creation, and man was given dominion over all the beast, cattle, etc. Yet, man has not been able to cope with change.

Life has become an endless merry-go-round.

Perhaps if men were to cease in haste and waste and get back down to earth on which he lives and become still for a few brief moments and consider the ant, and the squirrels, as to how they prepare for the winter, who knows, perhaps it would bring new perspective in the life of men; to become less extravagant and more saving oriented to the facts of life; that men cannot have everything, as life has a price tag, and we only fool ourselves into a world of make believe when we think we can continue to ignore the warning signs along life's highway.

True change for the better will only come when we become willing to change our direction of life style and life and lives to please the giver of life not for just ourselves alone.

Happy New Year to each and every one.  
**Everette Pearson**  
Kings Mountain



### Poets Corner

#### A PRAYER

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the time goes by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all - but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Macedonia Baptist Church Scroll

#### THINK ROSY WHEN WINTER IS GRAY

Think spring, when flowers gathered  
Butterflies all day long,  
You were awakend by a bird  
That burst into song;  
Sunshine tied a pretty rainbow  
Around a banking cloud,  
And a bubbling, flowing brook  
Just seemed to laugh aloud.

Think spring, when the breeze carried perfume

From honeysuckle bell,  
To tickle pink the nose  
You were sure that you could tell;  
Wisteria was blossoming purple  
Outside the kitchen door,  
Trees were wearing apple blossoms  
While budding up for more.

Think spring, when leafy boughs cradled

Baby birds to sleep,  
The green grass underfoot  
Was very lush and deep;  
When the daylight was long  
The sun's face could be seen,  
Daisy dotted meadows  
Were very rich and green.  
**Vivian S. Biltcliffe**



Photo by Lib Stewart

RETIRING - Rural Carrier Boyd Howell, left, is commended by Postmaster Fred Weaver for outstanding service to the U.S. Postal System.

## Boyd Howell Hangs Up Mail Sack

William Boyd Howell, 62, made his last mail run to 776 Route Three families Friday and hung up his mail sack and went home.

The Kings Mountain postman retired after 20 years with the U.S. Postal Service, which included a three year hitch with Uncle Sam's Army Air Force.

"It feels real good to retire," said the well known Kings Mountain man, "but I expect I'll be looking for another job soon."

Boyd Howell joined the Kings Mountain Post Office Oct. 31, 1963 as a substitute city carrier and became a regular rural carrier Feb. 29, 1964. During the 17 years he has delivered mail in rural Kings Mountain he's made a lot of friends and he'll miss those people and the 23 other folk he works with at Kings Mountain Post Office.

"The guys at the Post Office rib me a lot but we have a lot of fun and work hard too," said Mr. Howell.

Howell was a Prisoner of War from Aug. 28, 1942 to Oct. 9, 1945, captured by the Germans in Austria. Discharged on Oct. 9, 1945, he returned home to Kings Mountain and got a job at Margrace Mill. He also used to work at Plonk Motor Company as a mechanic but when the opening for a substitute city carrier was announced at the KM

Post Office, he made an application and was hired.

One of Boyd's most memorable experiences on his route was the day that he was credited with saving a young child's life. The youngster and her sister were riding a bicycle with one of them on the handlebars. "I was driving down the road and all at once I saw this child in the road with another girl standing over her. I recognized the children because I delivered mail to their house. Apparently the little one had taken a pretty nasty spill from her bike. She didn't respond immediately. Howell picked the children up and sped them to the nearest doctor's office. The injured child was hospitalized.

"I was a little bit late getting my deliveries made that day but I was mighty glad that I happened along at the right time," he said.

There was one occasion, however, that Howell wished he had been late making his appointed rounds. He had just stopped at a mailbox when a lady jumped out of a parked car and dashed into the backseat of the postman's car. "Take me home," she demanded. Mr. Howell said he would have argued with her and told her the U.S. Government didn't allow him to pick up passengers but the lady hastened to tell him that

her husband was in the car with her, and they had a spat and she had a gun. "I knew the family," said Boyd, and under the circumstances, he gave the lady a lift home.

Postmaster Fred Weaver presented Howell a 20 year service award on his retirement Friday and thanked him for his service to the U.S. Postal System and to Kings Mountain postal patrons. "It has been my pleasure to work with you and I wish you well," said Weaver.

Mr. Howell, son of the late William Thomas and Sarah Jane Howell, is married to the former Betty Jean Bridges of Kings Mountain. They have one daughter, Mrs. Teresa Graham. The Howells are active in Bethlehem Baptist Church and Mr. Howell is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Gardening and golf are Howell's hobby and he expects to get in a little more golfing now that he doesn't have to punch a clock.

Howell won the golf tournament in which KM postal employees participated last year and received a trophy for his efforts.

His award citation "in grateful appreciation and dedicated service" was signed by Regional Postmaster General Emmett E. Cooper Jr.

### 1981 promises to be bigger than normal

While every year promises to be a "big" year, indications are that 1981 will be bigger than normally for Kings Mountain. While it often proves an error to view the future through rose-colored glasses, certainly Kings Mountain's new 1981 spectacles should have a pink tint.

With the announcement of new and expanded industry, more jobs will be available to Kings Mountain area citizens and many projects going up, from housing to construction on the long-awaited By-Pass, mean that it's going to be a busy time for all citizens.

The new owners of the Joy Theatre, Marco Enterprises, are planning to show films that the whole family can see. The Joy opened last weekend under new management.

It was possible once for a mother and father to say, "Let's go to the movies" with reasonable assurance that there would be a suitable film somewhere around the neighborhood. Consideration to family enjoyment will return more films that the whole family can see and enjoy.

The North Carolina Symphony returns to Kings Mountain for the 1980-81 season on Tues., May 12, at 8 p.m. in Barnes Auditorium. The KM Chapter of the Symphony will be distributing information on the concert soon but it's not too early to order your tickets from the KM Chapter, PO Box 192. Prices are \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and students 16 and over and \$2 for students 15 and under.



### Lib Stewart

Kings Mountain folk have been shivering through the intermittent cold spells and mentally noting that spring will be more welcome in 1981 than in several years.

## LOOKING BACK

(From the Jan. 12, 1951 Edition of The Kings Mountain Herald)

Neil Grissom, native of Gaston County, has joined the staff of Harris Funeral Home, according to announcement by J. Ollie Harris, owner.

The city board of commissioners has set a 35 mile per hour speed limit for trains passing through the city limits. The speed limit is effective January 15th. The action of the board provides a \$25 fine for violation of the train speed limit.

#### Social and Personal

Mrs. C.J. Gault Jr. presided at the regular meeting Monday of Circle Two of Central United Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Edith Goforth.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney entertained members of the House and Garden Club at the recent meeting.