



Photo by Gary Stewart

FFA OFFICERS - Pictured above are officers of the Future Farmers of America at Kings Mountain High School. The students are observing National FFA Week this week. Seated, from left to right, are Jeff Lineberger,

president; Wade Clark, vice president; and Susan Tessneer, secretary. Back row, Keith Pressley, treasurer; Tommy Henson, sentinel; and Craig Whisnant, reporter.

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Building tomorrow today

Take a look around you - at the FFA members in this community and at the vocational education program in agriculture throughout the nation. We took that look and found an impressive and encouraging sight.

About 500,000 FFA'ers live in the United States and Puerto Rico. A large number of boys and girls have been and are enrolled in local classes, directing their energy and talents toward building careers for tomorrow's agriculture.

FFA members are students of vocational agriculture in high school. Through the supervision of the vocational agriculture instructor, who is also the FFA chapter advisor, young people are learning responsibility and dedication for the challenge that lies ahead.

FFA is "Building Tomorrows Today."

This week is FFA Week and a special opportunity for us to take a better look at the fine work of this group of young people.

Know cancer symptoms

Many cancers are curable if found and treated properly.

Early detection is largely up to you.

How can you determine when it is time to go to your doctor and ask him or her to check out your symptoms?

The Kings Mountain Cancer Campaign, which is gearing up for the annual drive this spring, will be distributing pamphlets from the American Cancer Society listing the seven warning signals. Kay Holshouser, executive secretary of the Cleveland County Chapter, said her office is available to give local programs particularly in the area of self breast examination and encourages your calls.

The seven warning signals: unusual bleeding or discharge, a lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere, a sore that does not heal, change in bowel or bladder habits, hoarseness or cough, indigestion or difficulty in swallowing, change in wart or mole. If any of these symptoms persists longer than two weeks, see your doctor. It might not be

cancer. But these symptoms are a warning that an examination is needed.

Cancer leaders are pointing out that if treated promptly and properly, some cancers are highly curable and one third of all cancers in the United States are being cured today. Still, some 400,000 people in this country die of cancer each year, more than 1,000 people each day, about one every 80 seconds. Of this total, some 130,000 will die who might have been saved through earlier detection and treatment.

Fight cancer with a checkup is the plea of the 1981 campaign which seeks funds for research into the cause of this dread disease.

The community lost a devoted citizen with the passing of Jack Arnette, a man who loved life and loved Kings Mountain. Our sympathies to his beloved wife, Ginny, their daughter, Jackie Smith, and family.

Reader Dialogue

Thanks, Sheriff

To Sheriff Dale Costner:

I want to express my gratitude and admiration of the manner and attitude with which members of your staff successfully investigated the breaking in to - entering - and robbery of my home on Bell Road.

Several families who live nearby were alert and concerned enough when they realized a robbery was in progress, they called your department, got the license number of the car involved, and helped apprehend one of the men who ran from my home. I will always remember these neighbors for their kindness and active caring for a neighbor whom they barely knew. With their assistance, and the able work of your men, within about four and one-half hours, the other man had been captured and almost all of the stolen articles had been recovered.

The following men on your staff were involved, and - although I expressed my appreciation to them, I know approval from those who are their supervisors will mean more: Garland Clary, Ronnie Lail, Detective Wilbur Benton, and Sgt. Grady Goode. Their professionalism and their consideration was exemplary. Also, Magistrate John Allen was very kind in the administration of his job duties.

Thank you again. The fright caused by such a traumatic experience - to learn that this had been planned and I had been watched for three to four weeks; finding the furnace thermostat turned to maximum heat (apparently hoping to burn my home before my return) is more than offset by the knowledge that I have caring neighbors and efficient officers.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ellen S. Sorrels

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Poets
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Now, Lynn Lynn, that's incredible

Here's one for "That's Incredible" or one of those "it takes a licking, but keeps on ticking" commercials.

Lynn Lynn, our friendly receptionist, was getting ready to turn in for the night recently, and laid her new \$160 wrist watch on the bathroom sink.

She left it laying there for awhile as she went into another room and along came her two-year-old daughter, Sheldon, who picked it up and tried to attach it to her wrist.

Sheldon accidentally dropped it into the commode, along with some tissue which hid the watch from view.

A few minutes later, Lynn's husband, Buddy, came along, saw the tissue and assumed young Sheldon had been playing in the commode.

So, he flushed it and chased Sheldon into another room.

Re-enter Lynn to look for her watch.

Having heard the commode flush over the cries of Sheldon, and seeing her watch gone, it didn't take Lynn long to figure out what had happened.

Lynn cried the rest of the night, and most of the next day, because her cherished Christmas present was long gone in the City of Kings Mountain sewage system.

Sheldon's little heart was broken because her mommy's was. Buddy kept trying to smooth things over by promising he'd find Lynn another watch just like it.

Lynn made several trips to jewelry stores to search for another one just like it, or at least one she liked just as much. But no luck.

Four days later, she went home from work one night to find the watch floating in the commode.

It wasn't even waterproof, she said, but you guessed it ... it was still ticking.



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Stewart

Work hard for longevity

The other Sunday I had the pleasure of attending two birthday parties for two well-known senior citizens. Wayne Wells, a neighbor in the Dixon Community, celebrated his 87th birthday and Mrs. Carrie Davis Grigg was 85.

Both credit their longevity to working hard and raising fine families. Mrs. Grigg's cake was an unusual one, decorated with the names of her 70 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Grigg party was held at the Depot Center and was attended by more than 150 relatives. The Wells family and friends gathered for a birthday party in the fellowship hall of Dixon Presbyterian Church. Wayne reminded me that he was born in the house in which my parents and I now reside in the Dixon Community. The house, used to be called the Wells cabin, and is 200 years old. Wayne was born in the upstairs room of the house, which is not in use today. And, he has lived most all his life in the Dixon Community except for service during World War I.

Mrs. Grigg, who lives on Second Street, has also called Kings Mountain home for almost all her 85 years. She admitted to being "tired" after her big celebration Sunday but said she was pleased that all her grandchildren could attend.

Both Mr. Wells and Mrs. Grigg said they had lived their lives in their own unique way. According to time researchers most Americans spend their time in this way: 23 years asleep, 11 years at work, 8 years in recreation, 6 years eating, 5 1/2 years grooming, 3 years being educated, 3 years talking, 3 years reading, and 1/2 year practicing religion. That leaves seven years out of 70 unaccounted for and few years for a person to use in his own unique way. Not so, Mr. Wells and Mrs. Grigg who are having the time of their lives and looking forward to reaching 100.

Feature Idea?
Call 739-7496

Something On Your Mind?
Write: Reader Dialogue
P.O. Box 752
Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086

GOD IS
God is like Coke...He's the real thing.
God is like Ford...He's got the better idea.
God is like Scope...He makes you feel fresh.
God is like G.E. bulbs...He lights your path.
God is like Bayer Aspirin...He works wonders.
God is like Cream of Wheat...He sticks with you.
God is like Pepsi Cola...You've got a lot to live, and He's got a lot to give.
God is like Reader's Digest...He's always renewable.
God is like Nationwide Insurance...
He's on your side.
God is like Campbell's Soup...
You and He go together.
God is like Pan-Am Airlines...
He makes the going great.
God is like Gillette...
He's the closest thing to you yet.
God is like Right Guard...
He gives you 24-hour protection.
God is like General Motors...
He's got the mark of excellence.
God is like Hunt's Snack Packs...
He goes with you everywhere.
God is like Hallmark Cards...
He cared enough to send the very best.
From the Bethlehem Baptist Church Scroll

A WARM KIND OF KITCHEN

Where families meet to greet the day
At the door a welcome mat,
In a cozy corner a rocking chair
In his favorite place a cat.

Where growing plants catch the sunbeams
Through ruffled windows bright,
There's always something cooking
To turn the day out right.

A kitchen that is lived in
A room that is the heart of home,
The warmth is long remembered
Where-ever one may roam.

There's a special kind of feeling
That makes you want to go back,
To lift the lid on a simmering pot
Or take from the cupboard a snack.

Where there's love and laughter
Enough to go around,
The steaming kettle on the stove
Whistles a merry sound.

Where friends meet to greet the day
To exchange goodies in happy chat,
A warm kind of kitchen
Where I love to hang my hat.
Vivian S. Biltcliffe

I'M FINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me.
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees,
and when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack,
and a terrible pain is in my back.
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,
most everything seems to be out of trim.
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I have arch supports for both my feet,
or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.
Sleeplessness I have night after night,
and in the morning I'm just a sight.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
I'm peacefully living on Aspirin.
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is, as this tale we unfold,
that for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm Fine" with a grin,
than to let them know the shape we're in.

Tricola Gibson, Age 84
Kings Mountain

LOOKING BACK

(From the Feb. 25, 1980 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald)
Resurrection Lutheran Church on Crescent Hill is beginning an expansion program designed to enlarge present overcrowded facilities.
A Kings Mountain citizen will have his name on the ballot for Congress in November. He is Kelly Dixon, well-known contractor who was nominated by 11th District Republicans last Saturday as a candidate for the United States Congress.

Social and Personal
Kings Mountain Garden Club will stage a spring flower show on May 13th and youngsters are invited to enter bird exhibits in the show.