

## EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

# Book Burning Reminds Of Nazis In 1933

### To the Editors:

On pages 46 and 47 of the Time-Life book "The Nazis" there is a startling picture. This book is one of a series that Time-Life has published on World War II and the events that led up to that conflict.

The picture in "The Nazis" shows an event that took place in May of 1933. That was 48 years ago. The picture shows people in Berlin, Germany burning books, records and anything else that they thought was in conflict with the Nazi ideal. The caption under this bit of history reads:

"Shouting Nazi slogans, German University students fling 'racially alien' books into a roaring bonfire in a Berlin square in May, 1933. The Nazis went on to purge German libraries and bookstores of unacceptable writings by Sigmund Freud, Thomas Mann and others."

A person could almost use this picture to show recent events in Gastonia, N.C. That person could rewrite the caption to read:

"Shouting Christian slogans and singing hymns, Gastonia students fling 'unholy' records and books (Bibles) into a roaring bonfire at a Gastonia school in May 1981."

Let's all hope we never have to complete the caption.

On the 6:00 p.m. news from WBTV on May 10, 1981, it was reported that the record burning group in Gastonia had also burned a copy of "The Living Bible." The pastor who was in charge of that spectacle said his group did not burn the "Word of God". He said the "King James Version" was the only "true Word." Where does the good Reverend think the "King James Version" came from anyhow?

If memory serves me correctly, the "King James Bible" is a translation into English of the original texts that were written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. That makes the "King James Bible" a mere translation just like the "Living Bible." The next time his congregation has a bonfire he can go ahead and burn King James too. The way he believes, that translation is not the "Word of God" either.

I do not believe the church has any place in government or that government has any right trying to run the church's business. People like the "Bible burning Reverend" and the "Moral Majority" scare me—really scare me. I'm going to pray to my God (the one mentioned in both the King James and Living versions) that these fanatics never gain a toehold in our government. If they do we will most likely have another "Inquisition", just like the one that was ran by the Catholic Church during the Middle Ages. I'm afraid of these people because I don't want history to repeat itself. If there is anyone in Kings Mountain who lived through the dark ages in Germany during World War II, knows what I'm talking about.

WWII was a classic example of religious and racial discrimination. You don't think so—just as any Jew.

All through history there are examples of what happens when a fanatical fraction comes to power. The rest of the population believes their way or else. "Or else" usually means death. Let's hope that the "Moral Majority" never comes to power in the U.S.A. Their ideas are not and will not be mine under any circumstances. I hope a lot more people feel that way too.

Thank you

Alan Jones

## Against Firing

### To the editors:

I was stunned and shocked to read last Tuesday night in the Gastonia paper that the commissioners of our city had fired the recreation director. And

that it had been done in a manner not characteristic of previous decisions made by this same board. Mr. Nappi was guilty of all charges against him, according to the board, without being given a chance to deny or explain any of the charges.

If he, as was implied, was not fulfilling his duties by not seeing that fields, lights, doors and gates were open for persons who had paid and requested to use the facilities, then there are others within the city departments who would fall into this category. Leaves laid in front of my house for four weeks prior to being picked up, even after two phone calls had been made. Is this the fault of the supervisor in charge, or the employee who did not do as he was instructed to carry out the duties of his job?

You were quoted as saying that you interpreted Mr. Nicholson's comment as a motion. It should have been made clear by Mr. Nicholson what his intentions were and the proper and orderly discussion and comments by both parties should have been made. As it looks now, the decision to fire Mr. Nappi was not made during the meeting, but prior to the meeting.

I feel that Mike Nappi has done a good job as recreation director. Both of my sons are active in sponsored youth activities that use city facilities. I have, in the eight years that I have been a citizen of Kings Mountain, seen great improvement in city facilities and planned youth activities. This was not done by one person alone but by a combined goal to give our youth the best environment in which to grow and learn to live together. The action of the commissioners Monday night was not a good example of fair play. It took the board weeks to make the decision to hire Mr. Nappi and yet after twenty minutes of one sided discussion, Mr. Nappi was fired. Something is wrong with the time frame for hiring and firing.

I ask that you consider what was done and how it was done and give Mr. Nappi at least the opportunity to explain and answer the charges against him.

Frank V. Vanstory

## Set Record Straight

### To the editors:

I'd like to set the record straight on a topic that has been misunderstood for years.

Chiropractic has been looked down upon for years mainly because the majority of the public don't understand what true Chiropractic is.

Chiropractic is a philosophy, an art and a science. Chiropractic is a vitalistic philosophy of life and health concerned with the ability of living things to express their innate potentials. This philosophy encompasses recognition of the universal laws of nature and a profound respect for the inborn ability of the body to maintain itself in a state of health.

Chiropractic recognizes that the body's ability to adapt to changes in both the internal and external environment is of the utmost importance to maintain life and health. If there is interference with the body's ability to adapt then the body can no longer function at 100 percent and health will eventually begin to deteriorate.

The art and science of Chiropractic are based on this philosophy and deal with the structural relationship between the spinal column and the nerves which that column surround and protect.

The bones or vertebrae of the spine can misalign and put pressure on the nerves. When this happens the impulses which come from the brain and go to all parts of the body can be interfered with. Normally these impulses reaching all parts of the body will cause the affected body part function properly. But if there is interference present due to a misaligned vertebra then the body parts are not going to get

their full message and in turn will not function at their 100 percent potential. This interference caused by a misaligned vertebra is called a Vertebral Subluxation. If this interference remains the health of the entire body will begin to break down leading to what Chiropractors refer to as a dis-eased state.

The art and science of Chiropractic is designed to identify and analyze these Vertebral Subluxations and to correct them relieving the interference and allowing the body to carry out its own business of maintaining health.

Chiropractors do not treat specific diseases. That is not what Chiropractors are tried to do. Chiropractors are trained to locate and correct vertebral subluxations.

When the spine is maintained in its correct structural relationship and there is no interference to the nervous system then the body's own systems are able to adapt to changes in the environment and the body is able to use its own mechanisms for maintaining health or restoring the body to health.

This is the natural way to health. This is Chiropractic.

Scott Brodnax  
Kings Mountain

## Looking Up

With Tom Franks

### "Dr. Dan" Has Things To Share

Looking up will begin a four-part series entitled "Interview with Dr. Dan Campbell." We'll be looking to Dr. Campbell and obtain his views on the subjects of autonomy, television addiction, accountability in education, and personal development.

Dr. Campbell, or "Dr. Dan" as he is called by students at Kings Mountain Junior and Senior High Schools, is employed by Kings Mountain District Schools and the Cleveland County Mental Health Center. He is a school psychologist for the school district and a mental health therapist for the mental health center. Dr. Campbell's background as a school psychologist includes experience at Rock Hill School and an internship prior to that at Syracuse City School District in New York. He was assistant coach for the Syracuse University lacrosse team and motivational supervisor from 1974 to 1976. Prior to earning his Doctorate, Dr. Campbell had experience in teaching and experience as a teacher's aide.

Dr. Campbell still is an avid lacrosse player and continues to be energetic in his achievements and his educational record denotes his stamina. He graduated from Brown University with a B.S. degree in psychology in 1974 and then later went on to earn his masters degree at Syracuse in 1977. Being an achiever, he reached the top of his field by earning a Ph.D degree in school psychology in 1979 at Syracuse. Academic honors received while he was in undergraduate school include Regents College Scholarship and National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation. Dr. Campbell has written various research papers and special interests include motivation of school-aged children, observation assessment procedures and academically talented students.

## Good Show

### To the editors:

Last week, Mr. Robby Camper, Safety Supervisor at Foote Mineral, gave a talk about mining and safety to my fourth graders. We want to thank him publicly for sharing such an interesting and informative experience with us.

Here is a letter from one fourth grader:

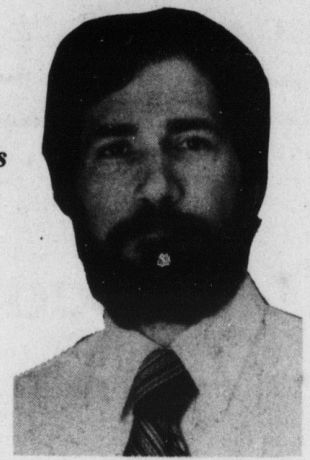
Dear Mr. Camper,

I really enjoyed the program about mining and safety and I hope you come to visit again soon. I especially liked the part about all the minerals found right here in our city. When I grow up I want to work at Foote Mineral too and be just like you. I will wear safety glasses and steel toe boots and a dust protector.

I just want to say that I hope Foote Mineral will be here for another 30 years. We're so lucky to have such an important mining company right here in Kings Mountain.

DIG ON.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Anderson  
Mrs. Wood's Fourth Grade  
East Elementary



In Kings Mountain and surrounding communities Dr. Campbell teaches and speaks on subjects such as financial growth, time management, personal growth and parent effectiveness. He taught a class on "Personal Development and Leadership" at Kings Mountain Junior High. He has been guest lecturer for various church groups, PTA's, civic clubs and community interest groups. He is known to many in the community and is a dynamic speaker.

Looking up, as the words imply, will relate to the act of being positive. By collecting information from people in our own community (a vast natural resource) and sharing it in a positive manner we can help people grow through learning. Other professionals in various fields of interest have been considered in order to give a large variety of professional opinions. We welcome letters from the public in regard to each topic of discussion. Send your letters to Looking Up, in care of the Kings Mountain Herald, P.O. Box 752.

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## "To Each His Own"

I'm not sure as to what point in time then twin off time comes, but I'd say around age fifty or so. Anybody under that age doesn't want to hear anything about hard times. In fact the subject makes them literally sick. You must try talking to them about the hard times you went through once upon a time and if they can't walk out on you, or get you to change the subject, they look bored to death—because they are and that's a fact.

Those of us who grew up in the real depression years just love to talk about them and remind the young folks how really well off they are no matter how deep in debt they are — and most of them are up to their eyeballs. Why—because they were urged on every side to live the good life.

Credit cards were handed out right and left, were mailed to you without you ever requesting them. Loans were all too easy to get. Some for such a long time, you couldn't help but wonder if they'd even live long enough to pay back such an extended loan.

I'm not telling you anything new. All of us are well aware young folks expect to start our housekeeping with things it took their parents many years to accumulate and many of them never did.

It all more or less reverts back to their parents, and their parents before them from generation to generation. Each one just naturally wanting things in general better for their children than they had it — whether it was really best for them in the long run or not.

When watching "Gone With The Wind" for the umpteenth time and enjoying it still, Scarlett's words rung a bell. She said when things were so very bad that if she survived through the terrible days of the Civil War and its aftermath, that she and none of her kinfolks would ever go hungry again. She would see to that.

So that's the way it continues to be all wanting things better and better — and why not? Even good 'old Uncle Sam with his great American grab bag got into the act. Nearly everybody wanted to dig in and get his particular goodie. It was there for the asking. If the strings are beginning to be drawn a little tighter it's because the bag was reaching the bottom.

Some years ago I invited a young friend who openly admitted there wasn't a clean dish in the house because the dishwasher was broken and they'd just have to eat out until it got fixed. I offered to help her wash them telling her I really didn't mind washing dishes. She looked at me like she thought I was plum crazy, which I guess I was, I just didn't understand how things were done these days.

I don't expect any gold medals for those things that I thought needed to be done and that was the only way I could see they would get done. I love to think back on some of the really hard manual labor I did because I'm not able to now nor do I have to—thank goodness.

I'm sure my parents didn't send me to a finishing school in Virginia to be a painter — a painter of walls that is, but I painted our entire house, room by room; not once but twice. Im sure-I complained a lot, but by golly it looked good when I finally finished and I was proud of myself.



ESTELLE SWINK

I didn't get a degree in exterminating either, but I crawled on my hands and knees all around our basement and bug a trench and filled it. with Clorox. No more termites. I'm pretty sure I felt like a martyr and probably made life miserable for my family during my attempt to eliminate those pesky insects. Anyway it was me they were bothering so much.

On the other side of the coin, all the young mothers I know today are good mothers or try very hard to be anyway. Almost none of them have full time help as most of us did. What's more many of them hold down a full time outside job and manage to keep the home fires burning too. This was almost unheard of when I was young. Most of us couldn't have held down a job anyway because we had no training.

Mothers chaffeur their children all over town to give them their chance at music lessons, athletics or whatever. They are usually involved in civic work too. I often wonder how in the world they manage to cram so much into one day. My hat, if I wore one, would be off to them. So to heck with a few dirty dishes, they'll get washed all in good time.

I hate to admit this, but it's the truth. Grandparents and other relatives don't help out as much as they used to either. I know this for a fact. They say they have other things to do, which they have; or they're too tired, which they are. They don't have any help either.

It's just a different time and a different day. Each generation has it's trials and tribulations and it's joys and gratifications. It was good then and it's good now. We just have to try to understand each other's point of view and put ourselves in their shoes.

I'll try real hard not to laugh so hard over a broken dishwasher. What the heck? There are a lot more important things in life — more fun too.

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