



Stewart's Slants

By Gary Stewart

That Was Some Fast Printing On Tax Forms

The State of North Carolina surely didn't waste any time collecting the three-cent per gallon gas tax which went into effect on July 1. The legislature passed the extra levy on a Wednesday and in Friday morning's mail area service station dealers received forms in the mail and instructions to measure their gasoline at 12:01 a.m. July 1, and send in three cents for each gallon by July 20.

Junior Causby, who operates a Texaco station at the I-85-Dixon School Road intersection, thought there must be some speedy printing and addressing and stuffing of envelopes after the gas tax passed.

In order for him to receive his tax forms in the mail Friday morning, they must have been mailed out no later than early Thursday morning, he reasoned.

"That means," he said, "that either the state's printers stayed up all night Wednesday printing millions of tax forms, or they knew it was going to pass and already had the forms printed."

Most dealers in the area say there wasn't a great rush to the pumps on June 30 for pre-July 1 fill-ups. Most drivers were probably like me. I had a car at home sitting on empty. But I figured by the time I went home and got it and drove it back to the service station, I would burn more gas than I would save money.

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The gas tax has been only one of many controversial items considered and/or acted upon by the current session of the General Assembly.

The State passed stiffer bid-rigging laws after several contractors were sentenced on bid-rigging cases last year. Yet, the General Assembly did not tighten laws on politicians who accept gifts from convicted bid-riggers.

Lt. Governor Jimmy Green has been in the news almost constantly over his acceptance of a \$4,700 cash gift from a contractor in Bladen County who paved a parking area at Green's tobacco farm. Green paid for the paving work, and the contractor later showed up at Green's door and offered him the cash gift. The cash, plus the paving work, amounted to a gift of about \$9,400.

District Attorneys in Wake and Bladen counties said there was no evidence to indicate Green did anything wrong.

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But the topper of all stories I've read about the actions of the current General Assembly came when it approved over \$4 million to build horseshow arenas in Asheville and Raleigh.

Senator Marshall Rauch of Gastonia argued against that part of the budget and made a budget amendment to delete it, but was not successful.

Certainly, there are already nice enough arenas in Raleigh and Asheville to show horses. As one area newspaper pointed out in an editorial last week, "if the horsey set wants an arena, then they ought to build it."

The taxpayers of North Carolina (and the majority probably could care less about horseshows) would probably rather see their tax money go elsewhere.

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We've written here before about typographical errors seen in newspapers (including this one), and we pass along one which the Franklin Press Publisher Kenneth Hudgins pointed out in a recent column. It appeared in a classified section of a small daily paper.

"FOR SALE - R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 788-9588 after 7 p.m., and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

"Tuesday, the ad was corrected to read: NOTICE - We regret having erred in R.D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: One sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 788-9588 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

"The correction was corrected Wednesday, reading: R.D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad stands corrected as follows:

"FOR SALE - R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 788-9588 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him.

"Finally, on Thursday, Mr. Jones corrected the ad himself, by inserting this second advertisement—under the "personal" classification:

NOTICE - I, R.D. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. I smashed it. Don't call 788-9588, as I've had the telephone taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday, she was my housekeeper, but she quit!

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 Kings Mountain National Park
 Amphitheatre
 Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday
 Through August 8
 8:30 p.m.
 TICKETS: \$3.50-Bleacher \$4.50-Orchestra
LIVE OUTDOOR DRAMA
 PRODUCED BY LIMESTONE COLLEGE
 (For any additional information, please contact Beth Tally at (803) 487-4005)

Letters

Green Made Mistake, But Don't We All?

Dear Editor:

Jimmy Green made a mistake; Jimmy Green admitted his mistake. We would not presume to say that your publication ever made a mistake, but all of us and perhaps other citizens of North Carolina have made mistakes in our lives. People who make mistakes also make material and substantial contributions to our State and to their communities.

We know that Jimmy Green has made material and substantial contributions to his State—North Carolina—and to his community—Bladen County.

We have served with and known Jimmy Green in his service as a representative from Bladen County from 1961 to 1976, during which time he served as chairman of many important committees and as Speaker of the House from 1975 to 1977. We have served with and known Jimmy Green in his service to North Carolina as its Lieutenant Governor from 1976 until the present. During these years he has listened to the people of North Carolina and has exerted his efforts and influence to bring about a better North Carolina for all of its citizens.

As an example of his leadership qualities, in 1975 when our State was facing a \$300 million shortfall, it was Speaker Jimmy Green who appointed the first Base Budget Committee which ultimately enabled the General Assembly to balance the budget without any tax increases.

His record reveals his compassion for the elderly and for the very young, for the handicapped and for the disadvantaged.

In conclusion, we want to take this opportunity to emphasize that, despite his mistakes, Jimmy Green is a dedicated and capable public servant, and, in our opinion, one with much to offer the State of North Carolina and its citizens.

Senator Conrad R. Duncan Jr.
 Senator Harold W. Hardison
 Senator Robert B. Jordan III
 Senator W. Craig Lawing
 Senator Marshall

Senator Kenneth C. Royall Jr.
 Senator Robert S. Swain
 Senator Ollie Harris
 Senator James B. Garrison
 A. Rauch

OBITUARIES

SARA M. SMITH

Funeral services for Mrs. Sara M. Smith, 60, of 810 Monroe Avenue, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Central United Methodist Church by the Rev. Ivan Stephens and the Rev. Phillip Shores.

Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith died Tuesday night at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Green County, Ga., she was a retired employee of Sears Roebuck in Gastonia.

She was the daughter of the late John T. and Ella McDonald Meeks.

Survivors include her husband, Wilber G. (Mutt) Smith; two sons, James Thomas Smith of Omaha, Neb., and David B. Smith of Gastonia; one daughter, Mrs. Elbert (Louzelle) Durden of Liburn, Ga.; three brothers, James Meeks of Madison, Ga., Lamar Meeks of Atlanta, and Charles Meeks of Fayetteville, N.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Mary) Hargrove of Diluth, Ga., and Mrs. I.W. (Ruby) Branch of Madison, Ga.; and eight grandchildren.

She was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Fund.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

RUTH SPEARS

Funeral services for Ruth Blanton Spears, 69, of Route 4, Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church by Dr. Tom Patterson and the Rev. T.A. Lineberger. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Spears died Monday afternoon at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

She was the daughter of the late Dock Guinn and Effie Pearson Blanton and the widow of Goldman Spears.

She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Harold Dean Spears of Kings Mountain and Kenneth Sherrill Spears of Raleigh; one daughter, Miss Donnie Ruth Spears of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Vada Herndon and Miss Bertha Blanton, both of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were G.C. Smith, Bob Myers, Kermit Huffsteler, Lester Welch, Morris Timms and Charles Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Macedonia Baptist Church.

MRS. SHEPPARD

Funeral services for Florence Reba Stewart Sheppard, 83, of 201 Lackey Street, were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sisk Funeral Home in Bessemer City by the Rev. Frank Monroe and the Rev. Carroll Henderson. A graveside service and burial was held at 4 p.m. at Graceland Cemetery in Greenville, S.C.

Mrs. Sheppard died Sunday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

The widow of the late Craig A. Sheppard, she was a retired textile worker.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Earl Hicks of Bessemer City, Ruth Rigdon of Kings Mountain, Maude Proctor of Greenville, S.C., and Ellen Aikens of Norfolk, Va.; a son, James Arthur Limbaugh of Kings Mountain; 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

G.H. ROARK

Funeral services for George Hubert Roark, 65, of Carolina Trace near Sanford, N.C., were conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. at

Swanns Station Baptist Church by Dr. Robert Brown. Burial was in Lee Memory Garden.

Mr. Roark, a Grover native, died Monday night, June 29, in the Womack Army Hospital at Ft. Bragg.

He was the son of the late J. Alex and Margaret Roark. He was a retired chief warrant officer of the U.S. Air Force, serving in World War II. He was a member and deacon in Swanns Station Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine (Teena) Roark of the home; three brothers, Wayne Roark of Grover, and Sidney Roark and Lester Roark, both of Shelby.

Memorials may be made to Swanns Station Baptist Church.

MARY E. BASS

Funeral services for Mary Ellis Bass, 91, of Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, were conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery in Henderson, N.C.

Mrs. Bass died Wednesday at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

She was a native of Vance County and a retired school teacher.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. G.W. Macon Jr., of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Alfred Griggs of Durham; two sons, Thomas Bass of Gastonia

and Turner S. Bass of Fayetteville; a sister, Mildred Ellis of Henderson, and 15 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Henderson, N.C.

MRS. HILL

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Thomas Hill, 92, of 510 South Cherokee Street, were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at White Oak Springs Baptist Church by the Rev. Gene Pryor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hill died Tuesday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Jones County, Ga., she was the wife of the late James Henry Hill and the daughter of the late Tom and Mary Jane Thomas. She was a member of White Oak Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include five sons, Sammie Hill and Glenwood Hill of Charlotte, Watson Hill and Porter Hill of Wilmington, Del., and Tommie Hill of Shelby; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Bell and Mrs. Lue Rannie McClain of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Annie Gidney of Ellenboro and Mrs. Iola Brown of Washington, D.C.; three stepsons, George Hill, Willie Hill and James Henry Hill of Lawndale; two

stepdaughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Glover of Lawndale and Mrs. Julia Hill of Detroit, Mich.; 34 grandchildren, 48 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

MRS. HOMESLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Hallman Homesley, 90, of Cherryville were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Harris Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Sidney Lanier. Burial was in the Cherryville City Cemetery.

Mrs. Homesley died at 12:05 p.m. Friday in Rock Hill, S.C.

A Gaston County native, she was the wife of the late Durant Homesley, and the daughter of the late Daniel and Easter Stroupe Hallman.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Christine) Poston of Rock Hill, and Mrs. Fred (Geneva) Neal of Kings Mountain; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Guy (Gladys) Ware of Winter Park, Fla.; Mrs. Frank (Blanche) Franklin of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Charles (Ruth) Reinhardt of Atlanta, Mrs. Frank (Fannie Lou) George of Lincolnton; one sister, Mrs. Mary Beam of Vale; 20 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.



CLASS OF '51 THEN - Here's the KMHS Class of 1951 during its senior year. Front row, mascots Tommy Dean and Martha Beal Bell. Second row, left to right, Faylene Falls Voet, Maxine Jenkins Trimmer, Dorothy McCarter Ham, Pansy George Cunningham, Jo Ann Hayes Harrison, Juanita Gunnells Blanton, Alice Ford Carpenter, Nadine Scruggs Bagwell, Lyna Baker Sellers, Dessie Morrow Loftin, Valerie Baitly Coleman, Betty Ledford Henderson, Donnie Vee Cooke Conner. Third row, Ramona Allen Richardson, Jean Lynch Herndon, Sarah Kincaid Bush, Lois Fisher Brown, Evelyn Short Wright, Ernestine Short Henderson, Dorene Ross Ballard, Louise Carpenter Lybrnd, Nellie Burton Mayes, Billie Owens Farris, Alda Faye Spearman Childers, Edith Boheler, Betty Cash Mitchell, Jo Ann

Falls. Fourth row, Barbara Grantham Jackson, Sarah Jackson Smith, Jeanene Hallman Wilcox, Hilda King Wright, Patricia Prince Ledford, Kitty Falls Cobb, Jo Ann Wright, Audrey Byars Mullens, Patricia Parrish, Mary Hayes Greene, Jean McRae Diaz, Rheta Gamble Shytle, Gwendolyn Grice Watts, Peggy Cloninger Harmon, Dorothy Tessenner Humphrey. Fifth row, Raymond Goforth, Jacob Hord Jr., Tommy Owens, Bobby Martin, Donald Patterson, Jim Yarbrow, Gene Mauney, Bobby Stringfellow, Bobby Edens, John Warlick, Barry Short, Jack Bennett. Sixth row, Walter Griffin, Earl Morgan, Bobby Moore, Jack Crouch, Donald Gladden, Rance Henderson, Carl Cobb, Fred Logan, Steve Jones, Jimmy Cobb, Willard Upchurch and Bill Payne.

KMHS Class of '50 Holds 30-Year Reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1951 held its 30th year reunion Sat., June 27 at the Holiday Inn in Kings Mountain.

Eighty-eight people were in attendance, including 45 classmates, six former teachers and former Superintendent of Schools, B.N. Barnes.

A social hour held before the buffet dinner provided time for classmates to share their experiences from the past 30 years. A table of memorabilia from high school days and response letters received by the reunion committee from classmates were special points of interest.

Following the dinner, Rance and Betty Henderson of

Morganton, and Fred Logan of Gastonia, had charge of the program. Each former teacher and Supt. Barnes was recognized and each gave a brief response.

Special recognition went to James Cobb of Las Vegas, Nev., for having traveled over 2,300 miles. Also recognized were Donnie Vee Cooke Conner as the mother of six children, including two sets of twins, and Billie Owens Farris, who has the youngest child, a five-year-old son.

Classmates shared many tales and humorous memories on their "Stroll Through Memory Lane", which proved entertaining to all.

A pleasant surprise to all was a surprise long distance telephone call from Carl Cole of Tempe, Ariz., who used this means of sharing in the reunion with his classmates.

The classmates and teachers in attendance included Valerie Baitly Coleman, Betty Cash Mitchell, Peggy Cloninger Harmon, James W. Cobb, Donnie Vee Cooke Conner, Robert Edens, Faylene Falls Voet, Jo Ann Falls, Alice Ford Carpenter, Pansy George Cunningham, Donald Gladden, Raymond (Whistle) Goforth, Barbara Grantham Jackson, Gwendolyn Grice Watts, Walter Griffin,

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