

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Read The Constitution

September 17 marks the 194th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States, and by declaration by the President, the week of September 17-24 has been set aside as a week for citizens to celebrate "Constitution Week."

In Kings Mountain, Mayor John Henry Moss has proclaimed September 17-24 as Constitution Week and the Frederick Hambricht Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is celebrating the week by bringing it to the attention of the public through an-

nouncements in newspapers, radios and schools.

In the Preamble of the Constitution, our Founding Fathers wrote their purpose "to secure the blessing of liberty to themselves and their posterity."

The purpose of the observance of this week is to renew appreciation of our Constitution and Country. Make this week a time of reading and studying this great document, learn to more fully appreciate its meaning, and teach it to your children.

Good Work Humes, Bill

On October 6, Kings Mountain voters will go to the polls to elect three members to the City Board of Commissioners.

Actually, only two.

District Two Commissioner Humes Houston, up for election to his third term on the board, is unopposed.

That could be attributed to one of two things: Either potential candidates in his district are not interested, or they feel he is doing a good job.

We like to believe the latter is true.

Houston's good public service over the past six years (one two-year

term and a four-year term) is appreciated, and the fact that he has no opposition is a reward for that service.

Bill Grissom, District Five Commissioner for the past two terms, chose not to run for re-election this year.

He is due our thanks for service rendered over the past several years. Grissom proved himself to be a good representative of the people. He was willing to listen to people's complaints and suggestions, and he had the desire and the "guts" to do what he felt was right.

His official service will be missed, but we have the feeling that Bill Grissom will always be there to do whatever he can for the community.

—Readers Write—

Anti-Navy Attitude Angers KM Sailor

To the editor:

I have been living here in East Boston, Massachusetts, since February when my ship began its overhaul, and I find myself angered over the anti-Navy attitude expressed openly by the "Easties."

This attitude is prevalent not only here in East Boston, but nationwide, in the form of anti-draft marches, young "adults" refusing to register, and even physical attacks on sailors. In July of 1980 a sailor was brutally murdered by a band of street punks here in "Eastie."

This is not called for. We spend many months and billions of dollars defending our nation's interests and when we return to our own shores, we are exposed to a new enemy, the very people we protect.

All I have to say is that we want to live in a free country, we must take pride in the servicemen who protect the freedom. I'll bet the cowards who avoid service and the weaklings who "knock it without trying it" will take what I've said to heart when we lose the freedom and liberty we take for granted.

YNSN John Hardin
USS Mullinax (DD944)

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Stewart's Slants

By
Gary Stewart

Louis Sabetti Sr. A Man Who Cared

Louis Sabetti Sr., who was killed last week in a hunting accident, will be missed by many Kings Mountain and Cleveland County citizens.

Often, when people die, others say he was a "good" man. In the case of Lou Sabetti, I can honestly say he was good in every sense of the word.

He was well-known in the county as a good businessman, civic and community leader. He was active in Boy Scouts and the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club.

He was active in the Cleveland County Unit of the American Cancer Society and this year headed the Kings Mountain area fundraising drive. He was one of the main reasons the unit topped its \$40,000 goal.

Sabetti was a caring man. He was a cancer victim, overcame major cancer surgery and was proof positive that cancer can be defeated and its victim can return to a normal life.

Sabetti often visited cancer patients in the hospitals and their homes, counseled with them, and let them see for themselves that they could conquer the disease.

I know almost first-hand, because my father recently underwent the same type of cancer Lou had, and Lou was a big help to him during his crisis.

A few days after his surgery, Lou dropped in out of the blue one day when dad's spirits were low. He talked with him there in the hospital room, let him see how well he was doing, and assured him that anytime he needed any kind of help or just someone to talk to, Lou was as close as the telephone.

I've always been told that attitude is a big key in the cancer healing process. Lou helped my father develop a good attitude, and in his last checkup, he was told there was absolutely no evidence of anything being wrong with him and he could do anything he pleased. It's good to see a 73-year-old man climbing ladders like a 16-year-old and putting roofs on buildings.

Since dad's surgery in May until his death last week, Lou faithfully called him at home two or three times every week to see if he needed anything or anybody to talk to.

I truly believe that Lou was one of the big keys in my father's healing process.

Lou will be missed by more people than you'll ever know.

Family and friends of the late C.A. "Gus" Huffstetler, who died recently of bone cancer and leukemia, have begun a memorial fund drive in his name to purchase a K-thermal heating and cooling blanket for Unit 6-A of the VA Hospital in Durham.

Huffstetler was a patient at the hospital for several weeks before his death.

A K-thermal blanket can be used to gradually cool a patient who is running a high fever or warm a patient who is suffering from frost bite or an unusually low temperature.

According to Huffstetler's daughter, Sandra Moss, his temperature ranged from 103 to 105 degrees the two days prior to his death.

Doctors told the family that a blanket would not have prolonged his life, but would have made his last days more comfortable.

Mrs. Moss said her father had the use of a blanket while he was a patient in the intensive care unit, but lost it when he was returned to a private room.

"The only way he could have had one was to take it from someone else, and he wouldn't have wanted that," Mrs. Moss said.

Each bed in intensive care is equipped with a blanket, Mrs. Moss said, but other areas of the hospital are experiencing a shortage of them.

"We thought that if we could raise enough money to buy one for the unit he was on, maybe some family could be helped by it in the future and his memory can live on," Mrs. Moss said.

The cost of the blankets are around \$3,000. Anyone wishing to give a memorial for that purpose may make their checks payable to the VA Hospital and mark them "in memory of C.A. Huffstetler." Mail them to First Union National Bank, P.O. Box 352, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086, Attention L.E. Hinnant.

One of the candidates in the upcoming City Commissioner's race tells us that many people in the community do not realize that they can vote for anyone in the election.

Kings Mountain has a district form of representation on the City Board, but commissioners are elected by the voters "at large."

Only three of the six commission seats (districts two, five and six) are up for election this year, but all citizens in the city are eligible to vote. Just because your district doesn't have a race this year, don't think that excludes you from voting. Be at the polls on October 6 and have your say.

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