

Letters

Commissioners Should Serve Whole Community

To the editor:

God gave us a beautiful day for our election on Nov. 3, 1981. As I write this on Nov. 4, 1981 at 4:30 a.m., it seems it is pitch dark. After rewriting this article and leaving my home at 6:30 a.m., and I see the beautiful sunrise, something within me says Praise the Lord! Darkness comes before the sunrise, but when the Son is in control, things will look much brighter.

For some of us, our candidates did not win. I think it is proper to thank each candidate who offered himself or herself as a candidate in both elections. Some of you spent many long hours and had little money support, but others spent some time and had access to large amounts of money and much support. Perhaps this is the reason for success of some candidates. It was very good to see families working together as candidates and family support for the betterment of our community.

Elections can be bought and not won. Congratulations are always in order for a true winner, but it would not mean as much if one would feel it was bought. It would take pride and dignity out of a win. This could be true in a sports event or a city election. Campaigning is a hard and difficult task in a small town. Everyone knows each fault and failure, but it is so easy to remember a fault and never to think of definite progress those in our community make. A political machine can be set up in a small town as well as a large city. We must not stop here. We must be determined to correct so many inequities that has been so prevalent in our city government. We have made headlines the wrong way. I can see our officials will be divided unless these men begin now to see and understand fully they have committed to serving the community in dedication and not just a special interest. It would be noticeable by all of us if you are serving for good or you are on an ego trip.

As elected officials, you will receive our support and respect if you serve the entire community. I think you will understand we will offer constructive criticism concerning many things which have happened in the past months. Many of us know much more about our city government now than in the past. I believe you recongize now that many things must be improved and much can be done without added expense if proper communications with City Hall and people in the community can be firmly established. It is disturbing to have promises made and not kept, to try to make appointments and they be made and long periods of waiting occurs, that calls made to the Mayor's Office and one is told time after time the Mayor is not in, and will return your call, but many times this does not occur.

Much more can and will be said unless an honest effort is made to reverse the circumstances listed above. I do not think the community wants to deamand or make threats, but to contiously be ignored becomes very frustrating. I think it is obvious that there has been much interest in the Oct. and Nov. elections. I also think I know the reason for concern for some who are holding public office. It is my feeling that interest is just beginning, and we do not believe it will diminish. Have you already said "I should have voted on Nov. 3" but you let this great privilege slip by?

Our turnover in city personnel is staggering. This eats up our revenue, keeps unrest among city employees and cuts down on efficiency in services to our people. We need to get things corrected

because people receive special favors because they work in political campaigns, or they give money and other services to receive something in return. If a person can always say yes he will not have much difficulty working in our city government, but we are people with moral principles. Sometimes, the answer must be an emphatic no. Some have been terminated and others resigned because of the little clicks and favoritism shown some city workers. It doesn't make much difference how it effects the total community if it isn't in the best interest of a few. We have some still working in city government who are trying to do an honest and efficient job but they are working under very difficult circumstances. We have those working in city government at the present time who have worked along with some of the elected officials to make it impossible for Dept. Heads to perform at their best for an efficient City government. I am simply saying let us see some much needed changes in our city government.

As officials, you were not elected to be detectives but you are to be men with enough ability and integrity to follow proper procedures and to go to the source of a problem and not to go to other city employees who are trying to pad their own seat regardless of how adverse it is for other city employees. I wish we had a better system worked out instead of putting some articles in the newspaper, but until we do there is no alternative. It is so easy to find fault with a city employee and many times the employee can't help himself. I think this message is clear enough to prompt changes, but if it must be put more clearly and name names, this can be done also. Will our present officials and those to take office in December help us correct these problems?

I commend everyone for every good thing that has been accomplished. I appreciate all those who supported me and even those who have had any constructive criticism concerning my time as director of the Kings Mtn. Aging Program. I will never appreciate the procedures I had to follow to help implement a program to meet the basic needs of our senior citizens. The citizens at large have not felt the effects of some changes as our senior citizens have felt and are feeling at this present time. I am still concerned about our city, and I am concerned in a special way because I know many of the needs of our senior citizens. Kings Mtn. has carried the ball in many aspects of our regional aging network, but we are not too far advanced that the ball can't be fumbled at the goal line.

You might ask me why are you writing? I remember very well in August 1946 when my brother John borrowed my uncle Tommy Ellison's car to come to Fort Bragg after my discharge and to bring me to Kings Mountain. I had been overseas for 16 months, and I wanted to get home. I can remember seeing the city limit sign (Kings Mtn.) and I can't explain what that meant to me. Some of us have been away from Kings Mountain for various reasons: military service, college, professions, etc. These were essential reasons. Many of us grew up under adverse circumstances. Many times the saying was "you live on the wrong side of the railroad tracks." I am interested in a better community for all people. Many times most of our problems come because of poor communications. Communications must be more than a one-sided conversation, and personal contact must be made by elected officials in the community. I feel we are about to get on track to reach some of our goals but we haven't finished our destination as of today, Nov. 4, 1981.

Some or you are saying "I couldn't vote, because I wasn't registered." I encourage you to register. Your support will be needed in the future. Reverses should not curb our zeal for future accomplishments.

Rev. Ken George
704 W. Gold St.
Kings Mountain

Thanks For Support

To the editor:

Our Halloween Carnival was a huge success thanks to the fine cooperation of many, many people. We appreciate all the efforts by

VISIT CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Whitesides spent last weekend with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Creed Frazier of Salem, Va., and their son, Clyde Strutt of Roanoke, Va. Their son is the football coach at Northside School, where he was honored as coach of the year. They attended the school's homecoming game. Their granddaughter, Ruth, was a member of the homecoming court. Strutt did his student teaching in Kings Mountain in 1969 and 1970.

FILLS PULPIT

Dr. B.F. Ormand, Kings Mountain native, will fill the pulpit during morning worship services Sunday at First Presbyterian Church.

our volunteers, staff, family members, and the merchants of this area. Many thanks to everyone that had a part in helping us. We knew we could count on you.

Residents and activity department of Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

Thanks From Jaycees

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Kings Mountain Jaycees, Toys for Tots program, Little League baseball, Little League basketball, and the North Carolina Jaycees Boys Home, we would like to thank the 1,156 people who toured the Jaycees Haunted House.

We thank you for your support in this endeavor and look forward to the fun of scaring you again next year.

Myers Hambright, President
Scott Price, Haunted House Chm.

KM Has Fine People

TO THE EDITOR:

Being stranded on Interstate when an automobile won't function properly can be of considerable inconvenience, but not at Kings Mountain, I discovered a few days ago. The people at Falls Exxon Service Center on I-85 came immediately to my rescue, and the folks at Otis Fall's Exxon station in town went to work immediately on repairing my car and getting me back on the road. When my family found that the wait would be an hour or tow, Mr. Falls directed them to the City Library a block away, where they met a very courteous librarian who helped them pass the time without boredom.

I don't know when or where I have met finer people than the Falls men at Exxon, or the librarian at City Library. Until then, I had never heard of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. But now the fine folks there have put the town on the map for me, and I am glad to recommend the town for its fine and courteous people!

Robert E. Corlew, Dean
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Thanks For Coverage


To The Editor:

Thank you so very much for the newspaper coverage you and your staff provided for the Open House and Dedication Ceremonies at Cleveland Technical College.

The people of Cleveland County have a very attractive and functional institution with the completion of the new facilities.

Thank you again for your support of Cleveland Technical College.

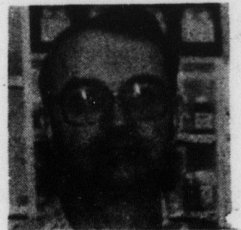
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Pharmacy Topics
By RAY JOYE

Allergic to penicillin? If you think so on the basis of a skin rash, get tested by an allergist. New tests are more accurate.


Sodium in the diet causes fewer blood pressure problems when the potassium intake is high. Good sources are potatoes, orange juice, dried apricots, and flounder.

In a report given at the American College of Physicians meeting, doctors suggested that ulcer patients can safely eat anything they like except foods they know disagree with them. It's said to work as well as or better than a bland, milk-rich diet.

Research group in Miami has found that dyslexia—a reading disability—seems to be an inheritable disorder, linked to a specific chromosome. Study group suggests this may lead the way to earlier diagnosis and training.

New drug dosage: plastic disk attached to the skin. Drug diffuses through skin into blood stream. Method is already being used to fight motion sickness for up to three days.

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