

# Library Notes

By  
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**WANTED:** A few good people, aged 15 and up, who are willing to donate a few hours of their time to the public library.

As some of you have already found out, I am not a native North Carolinian. After living and traveling in 25 of the 50 states, one learns that, naturally, every state is different. One of the many outstanding features of North Carolina, I discovered, is the high degree of volunteerism among the people. I have never seen the spirit of volunteerism given such a high priority. You can see the effects everywhere: in the human services that are available where they were not before and in the faces of the volunteers themselves.

And so I would like to remind you and your church group, book club, community organization, garden club, home extension club etc., as you look about for a volunteer project - don't forget about the public library!

Why volunteer at the library? There are lots of reasons. Yours may be to:

\*Perform a service to the public. And we do help people. With free information, we help people to do anything from raising Great Danes to feeding their kids for less money to finding help for those who are looking for work.

\*Learn more about the operation of a library. And I don't need to tell you that it involves much more than stamping the due date in the back of a book!

\*Help develop your own special talents and skills. Many people have been able to use their volunteer experience at the public library as a stepping stone to a paying job elsewhere.

Why does the library like volunteers? That's an easy one to answer. Besides helping us provide better service to the community through their talents and help; volunteers help us even more by getting the library's message out to the community.

What can a volunteer at the Mauney Memorial Library do? Some volunteer opportunities are short-term, lasting only a few days or weeks until the project or program is ended. The following are examples:

**Wanted:** Book-lovers of all ages. To write book reviews to be displayed at the library and in this column.

**Wanted:** A community organization or group of responsible people. To assist the library in our annual Used Book Sale. To be held during National Library Week, April 18th - 24th.

**Wanted:** A few people with strong backs and dustproof clothing. To help us move some of our books around, making room for the Reference collection and a new Young Adult collection.

Some volunteer projects for which volunteers are qualified are long-term, but still require your skills for a few hours a month. For instance:

**Wanted:** An accurate, experienced typist. To help process very large shipments of new books, change cataloging, etc. Schedule is flexible.

**Wanted:** A few people with an artistic flair. To assist the librarian in designing and executing posters, flyers and other displays, flannelgraphs, puppets and other materials for use with children.

**Wanted:** A small group with an interest in genealogy and local history. To assist patrons in their genealogical research and to assist the librarian in choosing books for the North Carolina collection.

We would be very happy to hear from you or your organization. Please address any comments, criticisms, or suggestions to me, MaryJane Carbo, c/o Mauney Memorial, 100 S. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086. Or call me at the library: 739-2371. With a little help from our friends, I believe that the Mauney Memorial Library can go a long way.

## KM's Expense Total For 1981 \$10,246.48

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Other expenses for the year included:

Betty Clark, \$8.25 for on-job travel; J.D. Barrett, \$31.20 for Region C Awards meals for four; John Watterson, \$206.49 for on-job travel; Katie Wilce, \$11.55 for personnel luncheons; Edna Abernathy, \$51.83 for on-job travel; Connie Putnam, \$87.51 for on-job travel; Ralph Grindstaff, \$2.75 to attend PIN (Police Information Network) school; J.D. Barrett, \$13.52 to attend a Region C meeting; Essie Moore, \$2.78 for on-job travel; Jimmy West, \$6.60 for PIN school; Linda Hamm, \$1.98 to attend PIN school; Mike Nappi, \$176.00 to attend National Parks and Recreation conference in Atlanta;

Also, Kings Mountain Fire Department, \$65.00 to sponsor a fire pump school; Jimmy West, \$10.71 for PIN school; Betty Clark, \$7.62 for on-job travel; Jerry King, \$56.10 for expenses; Marty Southards, \$10.97 for PIN school; Roy Dyer, \$37.89

## Cable TV

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# Koontz: Crucial Time In America's History

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ble that of whites, and black teen unemployment is triple that of whites, and that black income on the average compared to whites "have actually shown decline over what it was in the 60s."

Koontz said "too many of us have forgotten that the limited success we have today came at somebody else's supreme sacrifice yesterday." He pointed to many instances of blacks being seriously hurt or killed because of racial prejudice, and the days "when busing was ok because white kids buses didn't stop at your school but instead rolled right past yours to theirs."

"We have false hope because too many of us have allowed ourselves to believe those days are gone forever," he said. "But I've got a big news bulletin for you. There's much to be done because there's a strong push in America to recreate those 'good ole days.' If you haven't been paying attention these last 10 years, and especially since the 'Jelly Bean Kind and his traveling medicine show' hit Washington, you're in for a rude awakening."

Koontz charged that Senators Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Strom Thurmond of South Carolina have a history of "being against black folks" and "to add fuel to their burning hatred is a whole list of other ultra conservatives from around the country."

"We're looking at the clock being set back at least 30 years for blacks," he continued. "Thanks to these two men, and there are more, we stand to lose the federal Voting Rights Act, court power to consider and order all remedies including busing to eliminate school segregation, affirmative action laws, and much more."

Koontz said President Reagan is seeking "an Oscar for his role in the category of 'Most Insensitive and Uncaring President in History. His new federalism idea of trimming the federal government and turning over responsibilities to the states is a joke. The only reason many federal regulations and programs were adopted was because of states' refusal to adequately care for its

poor, guarantee a safe working environment and clean air and water, and equal opportunity," he said. "Many of those same folks who oppressed us and discriminated against us before are still here today and trying to tell us they've changed and how they never discriminated, and if they did 'that's just the way things were back then.' If we're not careful, the way things were back then are going to be like that again."

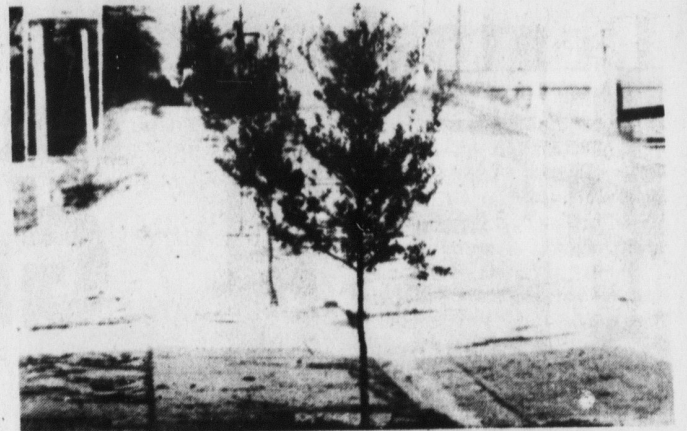
He said blacks should be concerned about the Voting Rights Act, and those not registered to vote should sign up immediately. Those with cars, he said, should use them to provide transportation to those without cars.

"If you're one of those who got where you are because of the successes in civil rights, remember the brothers and sisters coming along behind who need a helping hand just like somebody gave you," he said. "Don't close up your split-level home, two-car garage and good pay and forget that it wasn't always this easy, because for too many of us, our families couldn't afford two miles and the only thing split around the house was wood."

He urged those still in school to stay there, get an education and make the teachers "work for his or her check."

"If you're a hot-shot athlete and believe you're going to dribble your way into a million dollar pro career, you've been breathing locker room air too long," he said.

"This is Black History Month," he concluded. "The people we honor made their achievements against what seemed to be insurmountable odds against them. The odds have changed in our favor, but there are attempts to set us back. We cannot let that happen."



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