



BALLOON DAY-Monday's balmy weather provided the perfect time to fly balloons and third grade students of Mrs. Ann Rudisill at West School took the occasion to celebrate the 100th school day by attaching slips of paper with their name and grade to colorful balloons and watching the wind carry the balloons upward. Learning about the number 100 in math class, counting to 100, and other class exercises were featured in the fun activity.

Roark Seeks House Seat

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tions of government and feel that I can make a positive contribution as a member of Congress. I have no motive other than to serve the people of our district and state.

"I wish to thank so many friends and supporters throughout the district who have urged me to become a candidate and who have pledged to join with me in this effort. I am especially grateful to the members of my family for their support and encouragement during this long decision-making process," he said.

Roark is a native of Grover and a 1942 graduate of Grover High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1943-46 and moved to Shelby after being discharged from the service.

He has worked as a door-to-door salesman, newspaper reporter and editor, construction, insurance, real estate, land development and operator of fast food franchises and major league baseball farm clubs.

He served 22 years in city government in Shelby as a councilman and mayor. He was Administrative Staff Director for U.S. Senator Robert Morgan (1975-81) and campaign manager for Attorney General Lacy Thornburg in 1983-84. He has been active in a number of civic and community affairs and is a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church where he has served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher.

Having served 22 years in city government, six in the U.S. Senate and 13 months in the Attorney General's office, Roark says he feels "trained and qualified" to be a U.S. Congressman.

"I've gained quite an insight into government and have had good on-the-job training at the local, state and national level," he says. Roark labels himself a "fiscal conservative."

"I grew up in the depression years of the late twenties and early thirties when you had to be conservative," he said. "I think I demonstrated my fiscal conservatism when I was in city government in Shelby. We consistently maintained the lowest tax rate (24 cents per \$100 valuation) in North Carolina for a city our size."

Roark labels the \$2.2 trillion national debt as a "political sin."

"The reason I think it's a sin is that we're now spending \$500 million every single day just to pay the interest. That figures out to about \$182 billion a year just to pay interest. That doesn't buy anything at all. It is a political sin to impose such a burden on future generations just to provide us the luxury of borrowing money.

"We hear a lot about national defense, and there

wouldn't be anyone in congress who would be stronger for defense than I am, but if we really want to do something about national defense we should first find a way to get rid of that debt. Then we would have an extra \$182 billion a year to spend on defense and many other programs that could use the money. A country that is broke is going to have a tough time providing for its needs, both foreign and domestic."

Roark said he feels Americans are going to be concerned when they "finally realize the impact of the so-called Graham-Rudman Bill. As I understand it," he said, "the current estimate would impose a 4.3 percent cut in a lot of programs. And that's fine. But the problem I have with it is from some of the exemptions. For example, excluded from cuts is the White House budget and the budget for the members of Congress, including representatives and senators. It is hard to justify cutting funds for education and veterans benefits and Farmers Home Administration, and others, and at the same time excluding the members of Congress and White House budgets and other items. I don't have as much trouble with cutting as I have with the selection process that's used."

Roark said he also has "strong misgivings" about the President's veto of the Textile Fiber and Apparel Bill "simply because it represents a very unfair application of what the President describes as protectionist legislation.

GOSPEL SINGING

A benefit gospel singing in memory of Paul Henson, who died Jan. 18th of leukemia, will be held on Feb. 15th at 7 p.m. in B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The Pioneers of Randleman, Regals of Spartanburg, S.C. and Disciple-Aires of Shelby will be presenting the music.

Refreshments will be available in the lobby area. There is no admission but a donation of at least one dollar per person is anticipated from those attending the benefit.

"The apparel industry in this country was swamped in 1985 with 50 percent of the domestic market made up of foreign imports," Roark said. "The Textile and Apparel Act would have reduced that to about 40 percent, saving thousands and thousands of textile jobs. But the President vetoed it and said we did not need protectionist legislation."

Among his other concerns, Roark said, is the government's "callous disregard" for environmental matters, and the loss of confidence by many citizens in the government.

"I believe it was Billy Graham who said that 'a democracy can't survive when people lose confidence in it.' I think that's very true. There's a lot of evidence that people are losing confidence in the system and in the elected and appointed officials. I think we need to set a higher standard and live up to it," he said.

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Thieves Steal From Cars

Unlocked cars continue to be the targets for thieves, police said this week as they responded to a number of calls from citizens reporting thefts.

Roger Oliver, 831 Church St., told officers he left his car keys in the car momentarily and when he returned to 412 W. Gold Street his \$6,000 1983 Chevrolet Camaro was missing. Highway

Patrolmen recovered the car, which had been wrecked, on Phifer Road.

Timothy Trusdale, of Gastonia, reported that vandals took two doors from his 1976 Jeep while it was parked at Clevefont Mill.

Leslie Roseboro, of Kings Mountain, reported that \$500 hubcaps were removed from his car while it was parked at Cablelink on Childers St.

Ruth Navy, First Street, reported that someone stole the battery from her automobile parked in her yard.

Denise Sessmons, of Kings Mountain, reported the theft of hubcaps from her car while it was parked at the Community Center.

Sherman Cash, Jr., Boiling Springs, said that while his car was parked at KM Knit someone took \$350 worth of tools.

Betty Cooper, of Montana, reported that \$300 worth of merchandise was stolen from her car parked at the high school.

Several break-ins occurred at residences. Wanda Logan and Tanya Houser, both of whom live in Pine Manor Apartments, reported thefts of color television sets from their residences. Angela Carter, also of Pine Manor Apartments, reported that doors were damaged at her home and the windshield of her car was broken out. Terry Wallace, of Carolina Garden Apts., reported that a tire was damaged on his automobile.

Nelson Roper, Jr., of Katherine St., reported the theft of his high school ring.

The Pantry, King and Carpenter St., reported the theft of a watch valued at \$30.

Kings Mountain Express, W. King St., reported that a subject pumped \$16 worth of gasoline and left without paying for it. East King Pantry reported a shoplifting incident in which three packages of cigarettes were stolen.

KM High-Q Team Advances

A team from Kings Mountain High School advanced to the next round in HIGH-Q, a quiz bowl tournament for scholars at Central Piedmont Community College.

Kings Mountain finished eighth among the 62 teams competing.

Team members from Kings Mountain High are Patrick S. Hamrick, Paul Heffner, Jennifer L. Bradley, Chip Caldwell, and alternate Elzbieta Milewska. Joel Ross Rountree is coach and E. Andrew Faust served as scorer.

Sixteen teams advance to the next round of competition on Saturday, Feb. 8, when they compete against opposing teams for the first time. The eight Round-of-16 winners then go on to matches to be televised Sundays at 5 p.m., on WTVI, channel 42, beginning Feb. 23.

HIGH-Q is sponsored by CPCC, WTVI and IBM. The winning high school earns a silver trophy and an IBM computer for the school. The number two team wins a runner-up trophy and an IBM computer for the school, also.

Some 372 high school scholars from 23 counties fielded questions on history, mythology, current events, science, math and other topics supplied by TIME, INC., in the recent qualifying round.

Other finishers were South Mecklenburg, Newton-Conover, Freedom High, Albemarle, East Lincoln, Lincolnton, West Charlotte, Mooresville, Independence, East Mecklenburg, A.L. Brown, Salisbury, North Mecklenburg, East Rowan, and Hickory.

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the state legislature. I believe constructive change is coming with the emergency of young conservatives committed to Biblical principles and intent upon taking a stand against the liberal prejudices of our day. A strong two-party system is beginning to

crack the long enjoyed insulation of the majority party from open debate and challenge. With your support, I look forward to continuing my service in the state legislature and pledge my commitment to a fiscally sound and morally strong North Carolina."

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