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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE—When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked heareth rule, the people mourn. Proverbs 29:2

Reader Dialogue

Remember the Canal...

To the Editor:

On October 1, the flag of the United States of America came down in the Panama Canal Zone and the flag of Panama now flies over one of the greatest engineering feats of all history.

Some Americans say that we can never regain possession of the Canal and therefore this entire sorry chapter in history should be forgotten.

But the Panama Canal giveaway should serve as a reminder to all American voters of just who was responsible for this further weakening of national defense and security.

The blame is squarely on the doorstep of President Carter, the State Department, and the US Senate.

They are the ones who gave away what was built and maintained with American sweat, toll, and know-how. Built and maintained for the benefit of all the world, but given away under threat of violence to a Communist-leaning dic-

tator of a backward country of less than two million population.

These same people approved or participated in the betrayal of Taiwan, nearly destroyed our relations with Mexico, and have made America the laughing stock among the pro-Communist nations of Africa.

Once again, America's leaders have failed when the chips were down, showing weakness, vacillation, and inability to cope.

Let us hope that Americans voting in 1980 will remember that it was President Carter and misguided liberal Senators who carried out the Panama Canal sell-out. Even worse, they are going to pay tribute money to keep the Torrijos gang in power.

Election year is in 1980. Think about it. Your life and your freedom may depend on it.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Great American Smokeout

Take a day off from smoking — Nov. 15, 1979

Thurs., Nov. 15th, is the day for the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smokeout" and the Cleveland County Chapter is encouraging local citizens to give up cigarette smoking on that day at least—hopefully, for much longer.

It is the third year that the American Cancer Society has sponsored the effort.

Last year 3,600,000 Americans quit smoking on

"G.A.S." Day; 10,400,000 cut down and 2,400,000 were still not smoking two weeks later. One of the most successful quitters is Edward Asner, who was the 1978 national chairman and will serve again this year as chairman. Mr. Asner quit last November and is still off cigarettes.

Area representatives of the Cleveland County Chapter are assisting county officials in conducting the campaign here.

Frankie will be missed

The community's heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Franklin Eugene Patrick, 16, killed in a hunting accident. His teachers tell us he was a good student, well-liked by everyone who knew him.

Our sympathy also goes out to his good friend and hunting buddy, Gerald Dwight Cooper, 17, whose gun discharged accidentally as his foot

became hung in the brush and fell, as the two friends were hunting together in the woods off Grover Road.

"Only the good die young" must also have applied in the tragic, untimely death of Frankie Patrick. Our hearts go out to his family in their bereavement.

This is education week

Special attention is being devoted this week, Nov. 11-17, to the subject of education, as Kings Mountain District Schools participate in the 59th annual observance of American Education Week.

Emphasis is being placed reviewing the great strides in public education in the past few years, and to needs for the future.

Many strides in this important field have been taken. The results are seen in the almost complete elimination of illiteracy, once a common thing. There are many, many more adult education classes, for instance in this area, that offer everyone a chance to learn the three R's. There are few people who needed markers in the recent elections. They could read and write

and they knew for whom they wanted to vote and support.

Education, basically, is long-term economics. By raising the level of intelligence, of a community, a county, a state or nation, productivity is also increased. As productivity increases, the standards of living goes up.

Needs in the field of education still exist and will continue to exist.

North Carolina embarked on its public education program in 1900. In 79 years the benefits are pronounced.

Much credit is due the far-sighted leaders of the state for their interest in this field and a salute is due the hard-working teachers who labor diligently to impart knowledge to young minds.

Farmers are important

"Farm and City - Partners in Economic Progress" is the theme of the 1979 Farm-City Week, Nov. 16-22.

Appropriately, Farm-City Week comes at harvest time, when America's abundant food production is obvious all around us. It comes at a time when we are giving thanks for the many

Hearty welcome for new doctors

A hearty welcome to the community's five new doctors - Dr. Bruce Wallace, Dr. Scott Mayse, Dr. John Brooks, Dr. Abdul Gangoo and Dr. Kenneth McGill.

Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees rolled out the red carpet for Kings Mountain to

blessings of the past year.

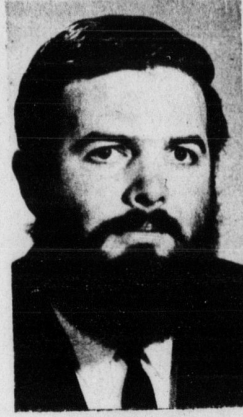
Although agriculture has a good image in the mind of the public, a continuous effort to bring about a better understanding between the rural and urban segments of society is beneficial to both segments. After all, farm and city people cannot very well get along alone nowadays. Each is dependent on the other for products and services that are essential to modern living.

As a matter of fact, a farm-city blending has been in progress over the past several decades. Socially, educationally, economically and culturally there is a gradual fusing of the two groups. And when you consider the mobility of people nowadays and modern communication methods, this fusing and blending are likely to continue at an even faster rate in the future.

As fewer farmers become the source of the food and fiber for more and more people, each

Bud Mayes started program from scratch

The drama program at Wilkes Community College in North Wilkesboro, of which the college theatre is the production part, is a living testament to the work of one man, Kings Mountain native, Bud Mayes.



BUD MAYES

Mayes, son of Lib and H. Carl Mayes of Kings Mountain, began the program 12 years ago, two years after he joined the staff as professor of drama, speech, history and religious art.

"Bud began the program, according to those who have worked with him, with nothing but his own inner resources, dedication, intelligence, talent and reverence for two art forms—the art of the theater and the art of teaching.

At Wilkes Community College Mayes has directed over 40 productions, trained countless actors and theater technicians, many of whom he has seen go to work in the theatre professionally and many more who are leading better lives because they were taught to respect their own crafts.

Bud taught at Wilkes Central High several years before joining the Wilkes Community



Lib Stewart

College faculty and performed in the outdoor drama, "Horn In The West," for eight seasons. Local people will recall that he was the understudy for "Preacher Sims" in "Horn," which is presented annually at Boone.

His friends tell us that it took considerable pressure to persuade Mayes to enact the leading role of "Tevee", the dairyman, in the college's recent successful production of "Fiddler On The Roof", which Mayes also produced and directed for eight performances. Mayes' personal stage appearances have been quite rare, they say, and he has been adamant that a "star system" has no place in educational theater.

Mayes is married to a North Wilkesboro native, Rebecca Landreth Mayes. Mrs. Mayes shares her husband's love for the theatre but does not perform. However, their seven-year-old Sean, may decide to follow in Dad's footsteps. Sean has been helping in the production phase of the show, lending a hand in staging.

The movie, "Fiddler On The Roof," has been booked for showing soon at area theatres.

Response great...

In my 15-years-plus as a newspaper reporter, I don't believe I've written a story that got as much response as the one I did last week on six-year-old cancer victim Tracy Bridges.

We've had several individuals, businesses and churches call wanting to know how they can help, and Rev. Roger Webb, pastor of Westover Baptist Church who has agreed to be a collection-contact person for the Bridges Fund, has also.

Many persons, most of whom probably do not want their names published, have donated money, one local oil company has agreed to supply fuel oil for the family, a civic club supplied a wheelchair, and several churches are planning to help out.

Young Tracy, who went to Duke last Wednesday for more treatments, is feeling much better. But he's still unable to get around without assistance.

Tracy, who is still alert mentally but in pain physically, loves to sit on his doorstep and watch his twin brother, Stacy, and his two-year-old sister Tammy run around and play...and wish he could do the same.

Although Tracy's feeling better, he and his family still need your help and prayers. Local people have always been good to rally around those in need, and we have every reason to believe Kings Mountain and area will continue to remember the Bridges Family.

If you have a donation or want to know in what other ways you can help, call Rev. Roger Webb at 739-2187, or mail your donation to Rev. Roger Webb, Westover Baptist Church, 1370 Rostover Drive, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086. Be sure to write on your check "For Bridges Fund."

And, on behalf of the Bridges family, Rev. Webb and the Herald, thanks a lot.

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Talk about inflation... Last week I ordered some darkroom supplies, including 250 sheets of printing paper, some film and negative-treating solution from a local drug company. All of it together fit in a very small pasteboard box which you could carry under one arm.

But, when I got the bill for it, I was ready to turn over the keys to my house, cars and the Herald office. For those few items, I owed \$13,650.

It didn't take long to figure it out though. They had, of course, ran the bill through a computer and were charged for 250 boxes of paper at better than \$54 a box, instead of one box of 250 sheets at \$54.

The drug company, meanwhile, had also caught the mistake and called to say they were preparing a corrected bill and would put it in the mail.

Everybody up here breathed a little easier...

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Bud Medlin, a local postal employe, loves all sports, but most of you who know him well know

LOOKING BACK

From the Nov. 13, 1952 Files of The Kings Mountain Herald

Registration for the special city sewer improvements bond election to be conducted Dec. 6 was very slight on the opening registration day last Saturday.

Dr. P.G. Padgett was elected chairman of the city recreation committee Monday as the 15-member group chose officers for the coming year.

Timms Stop n-Shop, a new self-service food store, will open for business Friday morning at 8



GARY STEWART

that for Bud there's nothing to compare with ACC basketball.

Bud may have forgotten this already, but several months ago, even before football season began, he wrote down his predictions as to the outcome of the 1979-80 ACC race and gave them to me.

I've been hanging on to them all this time, and here they are: 1, Virginia (Bud, like many others, feels Ralph Sampson will work wonders for the Cavaliers); 2, Duke; 3, N.C. State; 4, North (He's picking the Heels fourth so it'll make Dean Smith look good when they finish first); 5, Clemson; 6, Maryland; 7, Wake Forest; 8, Georgia Tech.



Poets Corner

THIS WAY I'LL TRAVEL ONCE

The way of life I'll travel once
No way of turning back
The path I take perhaps someone
Will follow in my tracks.
If it be a mountain trail
Or that down by the sea
I'll try to make the way more clear
For him who follows me.
I pray I not litter up the path
That he will walk upon
With things to cause him trouble,
After I am gone.
Because it will be hard enough
For him who follows me
Even if I do remove
Each stumbling block I see.
CALVIN WRIGHT
Kings Mountain

A CHANGED LIFE

I know the path of sin and shame
I traveled it alone.
For me there was no peace of mind
It seemed all hope was gone.
I sought in vain for pleasures
Then swiftly they would flee.
When it came to foolishness
There was no fool like me.
But one day I realized
There was a better way
Then on bended knees I fell
And I began to pray.
I cried, dear Lord, have mercy
And hear this sinners' prayer.
The sweetest peace has filled my soul
Since that very hour.
He took away my heartache
All doubts and fear gone.
Now my Lord walks by my side
I never walk alone.