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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Finish high school

This week will be a busy time at the several schools of the Kings Mountain District System and it will also be a busy time as families transfer from the summer routine to the school days routine.

Though it is an old theme, it is never amiss at this time of year to remind young people that they'll be missing much if they don't finish high school.

While the compulsory attendance law has done much to give almost all a minimum of schooling, there are still a number of young people who forsake the books and classrooms.

Parents should encourage their children to continue their schooling, for, more and more, a high school diploma is becoming pre-requisite to consideration for almost any type of work. The trend will continue and accelerate as the years go by.

It is also customary to remind at this season that the schools and faculties can't do it all, that benefits to school pupils increase directly with the interest of parents in seeing that the pupils give some occasional attention to their lesson assignments, as well as to the social adjuncts of the educational process.

Make it safe Labor Day

The N.C. State Motor Club estimates 19 North Carolinians may lose their lives in traffic accidents on Tarheel streets and highways over the long Labor Day holiday weekend.

The state will count its toll over a 78-hour period, from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday. Last year there were 24 fatalities and 922 injuries recorded for a similar period of time on North Carolina highways, while 16 died in 1978. To date 917 fatalities have been reported in North Carolina alone.

The statewide motor club stresses voluntary compliance with the 55-m.p.h. limit, and urges motorists to reduce their efforts to drive safely and observe traffic safety rules. All traffic laws were made for one purpose - to save lives.

Reader Dialogue

Labor is result of sin

Dear Editors,

Labor Day comes on the first Monday in September and it became a national holiday in 1887. It is celebrated by parades, by business meetings, and by a day of rest.

Labor on this earth began when God cast Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden when they had sinned against God. The Bible says in Genesis 3:19: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." So, man had to go to work. And, in the Bible, the following people worked to the glory of God.

Having faith in God, Noah built an ark when he was told by God that there would be a flood which would destroy the earth. Noah worked hard on this ark and thus preserved all life on this earth.

Moses led the grumbling Israelites through the wilderness for 40 years so that God's promise to Abraham might be fulfilled - that of his seed being as the grains of sand or the stars in the sky.

God took David from his work as a shepherd boy to become a King of Israel. His accomplishments in literary materials for the Bible was at its height in the 23rd Psalm, which is widely used at funerals. Psalms sing forth praises to the glory of God!

Under the leadership of Nehemiah, God's people rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. It was almost an im-

The club gives the following pointers:

55 Saves Two Ways - lives and gas.

Dont' Drive and Drink - 25,000 persons a year are killed in accidents involving drunk drivers - substantially more than the 20,000 who are murdered - yet little concern is shown.

Use your seat belts - 16,000 Americans could be saved from traffic deaths every year if all motorists buckled up.

Avoid traveling at peak periods if taking a trip, and leave early enough to allow adequate rest stops.

Drive defensively at all times - use caution and common sense and show consideration for others.

Make this a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend ... It is every driver's personal responsibility to drive safely in an effort to reduce death and injury on our highways.

possible job; but it was said of the people doing this work that "They had the will to work" and the project was in "the will of God." Today, we laborers need to realize these facts.

As a tent maker for a while, Paul earned his way during the day, and then preached the Gospel at night. Jesus was a carpenter and He gave up His job as carpenter when He spent the last three years of His life in His redemptive work for God. His disciples forsook their jobs to do His work here on earth - to bring repentant sinners to Christ, who could forgive them of their sins so that they might go to heaven.

Are you laboring to the glory of the Lord? His command was to take the gospel to all the world. His command includes everyone in this world. Many hungry souls are waiting to hear "The Story of Jesus." Take it to them so that what Jesus said can be fulfilled. Jesus said, "I am the way (to heaven), the truth (His word is truth), and the life (forever and ever): no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." We carry the message through the Word of God which is the Bible; so we need to read it daily so that we can labor in the vineyards of the Lord. The Bible and the Holy Spirit will tell you what to do. But "... whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God!" (1 Cor. 10:31).

Marietta Fuller
Jeffersonville, Ind.

Flo needed a gimmick to get attention

In the summer of 1958 a bright young girl with an Alabama drawl and a twinkle in her eye signed on to sing and dance in the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills" in Cherokee.

"I figured I needed a little gimmick to attract attention," Polly Holliday recalled recently. "So I fixed it so my bonnet would come off during one of the dances. It worked beautifully and I got a lot of laughs.

"But after the third or fourth show the director called me aside and said, 'I notice you lose that bonnet the same place and time every night. You better stop that'."

That was Polly then and to some extent it's Polly today. She's still pulling show-stopping stunts as the sassy, brassy waitress-cafe owner "Flo" in the CBS-WBTV show of the same name.

"Kiss My Grits," she will shout to someone to express outrage, disgust or whatever emotion she feels at the moment. She started the saying in the popular series "Alice" several years ago and took it with her to her new show early this year.

"I don't say it so much anymore," she said. "I never did try to coin a phrase. And now I save it for a time when Flo has nothing else to say to get her out of situation."

You wouldn't recognize Polly if you saw her on the street. She looks and talks nothing like the man-hungry, gum-chewing Flo, and her dark hair is streaked with gray.

When producers asked her to read for the part in "Alice" they handed her a show which said "Flo, a brassy blonde."

"WELL, THAT gave me a little problem," she said. "I didn't want to bleach my hair. If I didn't get the role I might be stuck with the kind of hair I didn't want. So I used a ratty wig. They got around to giving me a better one the second year 'Alice' was on the air."

"Well, the audition was great. I was sure I had made a big hit with the producers because one of them fell off his chair. I found out later all of them had hangovers."

By now you can see that Polly Holliday is nothing like the witty, wise-cracking dame she pretends to be on the air. On the surface,



Emery
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Showtime

that is. But there's a lot of Flo underneath that genteel exterior.

She was born in Jasper, Ala. where Tallulah Bankhead was born. Early on she moved to the mining town of Calumet.

"I was a coal miner's daughter and it ain't too romantic I can tell you. But we had moved by the time I was four," she remembered. Miss Holliday went on to study and teach music before deciding acting was her real thing. But she found it a rough business.

"It used to be I couldn't get a job because I was too Southern. I'd slink out of auditions feeling low and embarrassed. Then suddenly they started saying I sounded real and I began to get work for the same reasons I couldn't get it before."

"I played a lot of roles with no accent at all. Then I got this role and everything I learned went out the window. But I don't care. I want everyone to know I'm a good actress."

"I'm not a partygoer and not someone with a lot of contacts. I did it all through hard work. I never played a lead or the ingenue (young girl.) I always played the older woman. I never thought once about coming to Hollywood. So now I'm here playing this brassy broad with full accent and loving every minute of it."

Of hats and badges, President Carter and Reagan

Watch the hats and the delegate badges. That's the key to where those guys and women are from and who they are.

I saw place names like Thief River Falls, Minn., Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y., North Trenton, N.J. and Laguna Hills, Calif., among others.

And everyone it seemed was a commander, a past commander, a president or past president, the men wearing red hats if they're national level, white hats if they're state level and blue, sometimes with a white crown, at lower levels. The women wore red badges if they were on the national committees.

All very confusing unless you are among the crowd of approximately 25,000 Legionnaires and their families attending the 62nd national convention of the Legion and the 60th national convention of the Auxiliary in Boston, Massachusetts last week. There were approximately 6,000 official delegates and alternates to the Legion meeting at Sheraton Boston Hotel and Hines Auditorium and approximately 2,000 to the Auxiliary at Boston Park Plaza.

And it looked like all those people turned out to welcome GOP presidential candidate Ronald Reagan and President Jimmy Carter to Boston. Large crowds turned out to greet Democratic nominee Carter on Thursday morning, including Senator Edward Kennedy who met the President at Logan Airport, a small but polite crowd welcomed Independent candidate John Anderson Tuesday, but the crowds went wild over Reagan Wednesday.

Reagan and his wife, Nancy, arrived at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cambridge, which by the way was the hotel headquarters for the North Carolina Legion and Auxiliary delegation, Tuesday afternoon. The former Governor of California was greeted by about 50 cheering supporters there, some holding placards saying "Stop Forced Busing" and chanting "Here We Go Reagan."

Reagan was asked about the Senate Finance Committee action on a tax bill and said, "I'm delighted. I think it shows that by their bipartisan support they know the need for - in this economic situation - the kind of tax cut we've been proposing." Asked whether he thought a bill would be reported this year, Reagan said, "I think the test will probably be in the House." Questioned whether the closing gap in the polls with Carter will change his strategy, he said, "I don't think the polls begin to mean anything until along about the last week in October."

Talking tough to a friendly Legion convention, which interrupted his speech 20 times to applaud and cheer, Ronald Reagan accused the Carter administration of letting U.S. military might slip and jeopardizing national security. He accused President Carter of "untruthful" and "phony" claims to reassure the American public of U.S. military might. He also lambasted the Soviet Union as untrustworthy and unscrupulous, although he held out the possibility of eventually seeking an arms limitation treaty with the Soviets if he is elected president. The Republican presidential candidate nominee's hard-line pitch for a U.S. military buildup contrasted with his remark to reporters before the convention. "Would he advise the Russians to stay out of Poland's current labor strife?" "I think it would be darn nice if they did," he replied. "But how can you advise the Soviet Union?"

Reagan, who is a member of a Legion Post in Hollywood, California, was presented a cap which he wore on the platform. The candidate's youthful appearance belies his age and he gave a speech, which if he used any notes, was not noticeable to the audience. He wore a brown suit which enhanced his handsome appearance and his wife was dressed in an off-white suit. Candidate and Mrs. Reagan are a handsome couple.

The Legionnaires applauded Reagan's pledge to increase military pay and benefits and to restore the GI Bill for new members of the military.

Reagan got a standing cheering ovation from the Boston convention delegates as he was presented with a Legion cap that he donned and waved. Reagan was a U.S. Army Air Force captain during World War II.

Leaving the hall with his wife, Nancy, Reagan was greeted by about 200 foes and supporters



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engaged in a verbal crossfire. Sign waging pro-Equal Rights Amendment, anti-nuclear and anti-draft demonstrators booed the nominee, while others screamed, "We Want Reagan." I was standing near some of the demonstrators trying to hail a taxi to return to my hotel. There were mounted policemen, police cars, and security people everywhere.

President Carter, who arrived on the closing day of the convention Thursday, defended the U.S. national defense and security policy but did not call Reagan by name in answering some of the harsh attacks by the GOP nominee on Wednesday. He was also received enthusiastically by the convention delegation and his speech was interrupted 10 times for applause and cheering. Mr. Carter, also a Legionnaire from Plains, Ga., was presented a Legion cap which he wore onto the platform and he prefaced his remarks by saying that his father was also a Legionnaire and had attended national conventions and "always seemed to have more fun than anyone."

The American Legion, unlike the Veterans of Foreign Wars, did not endorse either candidate. The VFW endorsed Reagan earlier in the week when he addressed their national convention.

The national Legion organization has a membership of 2.62 million members and the national Auxiliary has over one million members. They are the world's largest patriotic organizations.

A parade which started at 4 p.m. Sunday and ended about 9 p.m. featured floats, marching bands, and Legion and Auxiliary units from all over the nation and foreign countries such as Panama, Puerto Rico and Philippines.

Attending the convention in Boston was my first trip to that city and it was an experience riding taxi from meeting place to meeting place. They move alot faster, but that's a different story.

LOOKING BACK

"The Sword of Gideon," a drama of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain, is scheduled to begin a 12 night run at the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park, on Thursday, Sept. 11.

The Junior Woman's Club will present "Fashion Frolic," its fall fashion show, at the high school gymnasium Friday evening, Sept. 5, in cooperation with the Kings Mountain Merchants Association.

Monday will be a holiday for majority of Kings Mountain retail personnel, as almost all retail stores close for the annual Labor Day holiday.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rhea announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, Aug. 22, Kings Mountain Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Pearson announce the birth of a son, Friday, Aug. 22, Kings Mountain Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore, Route 1, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, Aug. 26, Kings Mountain Hospital.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
St. John 14:15

"TD LIKE TO dress as Flo on the street. But I wouldn't have the nerve. So I just put on heavy makeup and that wig every morning and have a ball the rest of the day. I like to be quiet and alone for a few hours every evening."

"Flo" may be a slightly less raunchy lady this fall. It's coming on the air Mondays at 8:00, a time when many children are watching. But writers are working overtime trying to make the show as funny as possible.

The series got tremendous ratings when it started last winter, mainly because of the brassy broad's great showing in "Alice." But producers know it didn't have near the laughs it should have and still have to be a lot better if it makes the grade this fall.

"We're trying," said one of the writers. Polly nodded her approval.

"I wrote a five-page biography of Flo to understand her better. She's the boss now. She may not be as loud as before, but she's naughtier. She'll make decisions and she'll make mistakes. But if the show doesn't make it I won't go back to 'Alice.' I'll go back to the theater."

"The core of Flo is me, that which is solid. The rest is just acting. She's honest and in her own way normal. She could do anything. She could even be governor of Texas. In fact I even had an idea for a spinoff of 'Alice' where she would be governor."

"I find her limitless. There are so many things you can do with her but she is limited by her lack of education. And it's not so much that I'm different from her. It's just that I'm an actress. So I kept building her and making her a richer character."

Could it be that Polly would really like to be Flo and is just acting out her fantasies? Well, there's this outfit she wears that her mother doesn't like at all.

"Momma frets about that outfit all the time," said Polly. "She says 'Polly those pants have to go. They're too tight!'"