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Clemson University
a different world

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

The Republican sweep

With few exceptions, the Republican Party posted a landslide victory in last week's general election.

While much of the victory can be credited to the disenchantment of both Democrats and Republicans with the Carter Administration, the large GOP landslide can also be credited to the political acumen and popularity of President-Elect Ronald Reagan. The country is ready for a change and let it be known at polling places nationwide, including Kings Mountain, where three newcomers to politics came very close to unseating three incumbent county commissioners in a well-planned write-in campaign initiated by a tax protest group, the Cleveland County Association of Taxpayers. It is very likely that had all the ballots been marked properly at the various polling places in the county and not thrown out for improper markings, the results would have been quite different. Write-in candidates led in almost all precincts.

The leaders of the write-in movement should be commended for their leadership and it is hoped that the county board of commissioners will see in this wide-spread protest by voters that citizens are ready to speak out on the issues and expect the people they elect to respond with some hope for improvements.

North Carolina and South Carolina, in contrast to some predictions, went for Reagan and Carter's Georgia was the only Southern state he could claim in his re-election bid, which voters soundly defeated.

Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain led the voting in the 25th Senatorial District and reflects Mr. Harris' growing popularity in his district, his attention to the personal services his constituents require and his voting record.

President-Elect Reagan and Vice-President Elect George Bush have a clear mandate from the people to effect the policies they espouse.

Ride south on I-85 just about any Saturday morning this time of year and you'll likely see a lot of strange looking cars.

If you're a Clemson football fan, you'll recognize them right away. If not, you may wonder why people drive around with Tiger tails hanging out their gas tanks, Tiger paws painted all over their cars, and Tiger rags hanging out the windows.

And, if you exit off 85 at the Clemson exit, you may also wonder why Tiger paws are printed all over the highway.

As you drive closer to the campus, and into the parking lots, you'll see people picnicking on the tailgates of their station wagons, the hoods of their cars, on the grass and at picnic tables ... even in huge motor homes and campers.

As you walk into Memorial Stadium (or Frank Howard Field, or Death Valley, depending on what you'd rather call it) you'll see a sea of orange, everything from orange hats and overalls to orange Tiger paws painted on the faces of the fans.

Clemson University on a football Saturday is a world of its own.

Opposing teams hate the place. Opposing players don't play up to their capabilities there. Some of the nation's best football teams have been embarrassed there or escaped by the skin of their teeth.

On a key play, it's almost useless for an opposing quarterback to try to bark the signals. From the time the enemies break the huddle, the crowd of 60,000 Tiger partisans roar in unison. On the other hand, if it's a key play for the Tigers, all the Clemson quarterback has to do is raise his arms and call for silence and you can hear a pin drop.

The fans have entered into the outcome of many a game at Death Valley. No better example was an earlier season game when the noise of the crowd drowned out the command of Virginia Tech quarterback Steve Casey on the goalline as the Hokies were trying to score the winning touchdown. The noise resulted in a VPI guard jumping the gun on the snap. VPI was penalized five yards back to the six yard line and had to settle for a field goal and a narrow 17-14 defeat.

The opposition calls it poor sportsmanship. Clemson should be penalized for it, they say. But, the fans call it spirit.

It almost helped the Tigers come from behind Saturday to defeat nationally-ranked North Carolina. The upset atmosphere and the Death Valley bounces of loose football were there. The Tigers just didn't have the offensive punch needed to break a bending Tar Heel defense.

Carolina built up a 24-6 lead behind its Famous Amos Lawrence, superior offensive line play, and good, hard-hitting defense.

But a decision to go for a fourth and less than a yard deep in its own territory backfired on UNC, and set up one Clemson TD, and a controversial fumbled punt set up another, and all of a sudden it was 24-19 with just minutes remaining.

Yet another fumbled punt gave the Tigers a final chance and they drove to the Carolina one with less than a minute to play. The Tar Heel defense rose to the occasion and barely held on to keep its national ranking intact ... and was glad to get out of that place.

Bernice Roseboro of Kings Mountain thought she was dreaming the other night when she was driving through town and saw what she declares was a deer at the corner of Tracy and Childers streets.

At first, she thought it was one of the biggest dogs she'd ever seen.

"I didn't realize it was a deer until it turned and ran, and I saw it's white tail," she said. "I thought it was very strange to see a deer in town."

LOOKING BACK

(From the Thursday, Nov. 12, 1964 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald)

Petitions seeking an election to determine whether the Kings Mountain area wishes to secede from Cleveland County to join Gaston County have thus far met with only modest support, a spot check indicated Wednesday.

George B. Thomasson, Kings Mountain lawyer, has been elected president of the Cleveland County Bar Association for the coming year. He will succeed Joe Mull of Shelby.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch marked their 36th wedding anniversary Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Voet of Wilmington announce the arrival of their first child, a boy, Nov. 5. The baby was named for his maternal grandfather and will be called Jeffrey Craig Voet. Mrs. Voet is the former Fayelene Falls.

Reader Dialogue

Teacher aides earn pay

Dear Editors,

In response to "Teacher Aides Get Mixed Reviews" (Daily News-Record, Aug. 31), I'd like to say, "hallelujah!"

In my capacity as kindergarten aide at Oak Ridge Elementary School, a position I have held for six years, I feel important and useful to my school. When I applied for an aide job I had 12 years' experience working with four and five-year-olds.

As a professional artist, I have been able to use my talents in my work; not just in the area of kindergarten but in the whole school program.

I feel the teacher aide pay scale is unfair. Aides should be paid according to experience, qualifications and abilities. Many of the aides I know feel there is little chance to advance on the salary scale.

One year ago we were warned that if we continued to lobby for more pay or complained because of small salaries, some of us would be dismissed in order to raise the salaries of some of the aides.

Many of our duties are the same as the teachers'. We are assigned bus and car duty. One important aspect of an aide's job is to provide one-to-one or small group concentrated and intensive teaching, especially for slower children who cannot work in a large group. In the event the teacher is out and a substitute arrives, the aide usually assumes the teacher role; yet the substitute draws more pay.

In our school, I know of no single aide who does not give her all and more to her job. Those who think teacher aides are unimportant need to take a second look.

To I. Beverly Lake, who seems to oppose the aide program, I say: Last year my take-home pay was \$435 a month. For all the little children I hope I have helped in the last six years, Mr. Lake, the state of North Carolina has bought a bargain!

HELEN F. LEDFORD
OAK RIDGE

Thanks for support

Dear Editors,

We wish to express our appreciation for the contributions of the following individuals and business firms for the support of our Halloween Carnival.

They are: First Citizens National Bank, American Legion, VFW Post 9811, Hank Fink, Inc., Holiday Inn, Kings Mountain Herald, Bridges Hardware, Phifer Hardware, Western Auto, Farm Center, Pizza Inn of Shelby, Otis Falls Exxon Service Station, TG&Y, Masters Funeral Home, Clark Tire Co., Tom Trot Insurance Agency, Home Savings & Loan Association, Falls Superette, Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain Office Supply, Wade Ford, Inc., Sample Yardage, Peggy's Restaurant, One Hour Martinizing, Sterchi's, Cook's Department Store of Gastonia, First National Bank of Shelby, Gilliland's Greenhouses, Ware's Orchards, Oak Grove Beauty Shop, Love's Fish Box, Bost Bread, Milova Knit, Plonk's Department Store, Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonald's, Patterson Oil Co., Benard Food Co., Mauney Hosiery Co., Fulton's Department Store, Allen's Florist, Cooper Furniture, Timms Furniture, Adams Cleaners, Waco Grocery Store, IFH Food Service, Foote Mineral Co., Eckerd's, McGinnis Department Store and Dellinger's.

We also wish to thank the many who furnished items for our bake sale and contributed their time as volunteers and to the judges, C.J. Gault, Rev. Kelly Dixon and Hilliard Black who awarded prizes for the best costumes.

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Even one vote counts

"What good is one vote?" said a lady friend of mine Tuesday as she decided not to go to the polls because she didn't know who she wanted to vote for in the presidential race.

In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.

In 1776, one vote gave Americans the English language instead of German.

In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1876, one vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency of the United States.

And in 1941 one vote saved Selective Service just 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor.

Presidential elections provide the nation with the unusual opportunity to take stock of itself, and the political rhetoric of 1980 has certainly provided the



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electorate with an interesting diversion this autumn. We have been entertained, amused, befuddled and assaulted by the interpretations presented by the three candidates for president. The kids got into the act too and at most schools the young folk agreed with voters all over the country that a change is needed and marked the ballot for Ronald Reagan.

Whatever you think about all of this electoral hoopla, it was an American as autumn's falling leaves and football games and almost as much fun to watch.

Speak Up America having its problems

"We're not looking for nuts, but we do want to get a cross-section of views on events that matter to people. This is TV's only arena for the man on the street."

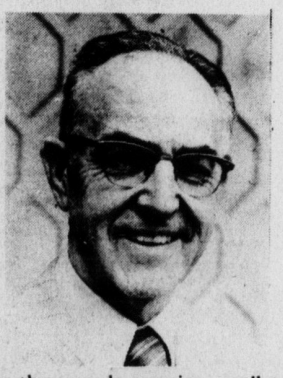
Talking is George Schlatter, producer of "Speak Up, America" on NBC and WRET-TV (36). Schlatter also produces the "Real People" show and created the "Laugh-In" series a few years ago.

"We can talk to people about Social Security, problems of textile workers and a few things more important than how to boil an egg," he says. "If we're good we'll stay. If not we won't."

Schlatter seems to be having some problems with the show, and Rhonda Bates may be a big one. That giant of an Alabama lady (she's six feet two) may be a size too large for viewers and with that heavy Southern accent is coming on a bit thick. And may I slap Schlatter's wrist and say SUA isn't the only place on TV where the man on the street can speak his mind. WBTB's Doug Mayes has been doing it on his "On the Square" news segment for years.

But Schlatter's a smart one and knows how to get people to react. The one-armed gymnast he introduced on "Real People," for instance, drew 40,000 letters from viewers.

"We're surprised at the response we've been getting to 'Speak Up,'" he said. "But we're not presenting news just to get people's reaction to it."



Emery Wister

into the crowds carrying a collection plate. Needless to say, it was filled at every meeting.

"I believe in God but not organized religion," says Gortner. "Some of these guys on electronic religion (televised church services) are getting very political and that's dangerous. If people want the electronic church that's fine, but I don't think it's right. They should be taxed like other businesses."

Gortner split with his parents years ago. He hasn't seen them for years but is still friendly with them.

"My parents were sincere," he said. "But then so was Hitler. So many of these people (in organized religion) are so caught up in their work they think they have to beat last year's figures."

A few weeks ago Gortner interviewed Dennis O'Hair, son of atheist Madlyn O'Hair. He also split with his mother and is leading his own life.

"He's a little confused about what he believes and doesn't believe," says Gortner. "He's not a Christian yet. He doesn't know what he is."

Showtime

"I CAN identify with him but I wasn't like him. I was taught to like people and I had to learn my lines. Our backgrounds are entirely different. I was with my mother all the time. He didn't even know who his mother was until he was nine. He called her Madlyn."

Still, it does seem young O'Hair and Gortner share a strange kinship. But Gortner doesn't see it.

You'll be seeing more of him in the movies, by the way. He'll star in a big one now entitled "American Gospel."

"It's a multi-million dollar thing," he says. "It'll be to religion what 'Network' was to television."

BEVERLEE MCKENZIE was spun off NBC's "Another World" soap opera to go into the new afternoon drama "Texas" (WRET-TV 3:00 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.)

"I'm still Iris Bancroft, but I'm not as mean and nasty as I was in the other show," says Beverlee. "But I'll still be as bad. I don't mess with success."

Here's a gal who says she's 40 with a son 25, telling us she's fed up with the soaps and "Getting up at 4 every morning to be gorgeous five days a week." So why in the name of Heaven did she sign up for the new show that keeps her nose to the grindstone?

"Because they made me an offer I couldn't refuse," she says. "They said I can leave the show in 18 months. Then I'll star in two prime time movies which is what I want to do anyway."

"As for 'Texas' we're not trying to be different from 'Dallas.' Why should we be? That's just high class trash. Women with smashing bodies and few clothes."

"Who can take all this stuff seriously? I don't read our scripts and don't watch the shows. I wanted out of daytime TV and if this thing bombs I won't be back on 'Another World.'"

SCHLATTER'S FRONT people, the ones who talk to the public, include Jayne Kennedy, formerly on the "NFL Today" show, Miss Bates and former evangelist-turned-actor, Marjoe Gortner.

"We hired Marjoe because he's intelligent, well read and exciting," said Schlatter. "No matter what he talks about, be it religion, music or Social Security, he excites people."

Gortner is a fascinating character. In case you're not up on his background, he was literally born into the evangelistic world and assisted his parents at revivals and camp meetings. Early in his life they would dress him in a new suit of clothes and send him toddling