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## EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

### We Should Be Thankful

Thursday (tomorrow) will be Thanksgiving, and years after the holiday was first observed, the people of the United States have much for which to be thankful.

There is much to decry; a sluggish economy, the holding of Americans as hostages in a foreign country, inflation, taxes are mighty high, groceries are mighty high and payments on the car and television sets are hard to make.

But, has it not always been true in some respects? On Thanksgiving Day 1980, some cynics may ask, "What do we have to be thankful for? Inflationary prices that crimp our budgets? An energy situation in which we drive fewer miles for more money?"

But whether they believe they have reason to be thankful, they'll gladly use tomorrow as a break in their labors, to watch football games on television in their warm living rooms, and then sleep to digest the

traditional Thanksgiving feast.

The Pilgrim fathers had much to face too.

There were hostile Indians, a wilderness to be carved out, there was no means of fast communication.

But the Pilgrim fathers were thankful, for they had made a bountiful crop and they were free.

The more perceptive Americans look beyond the current crisis our country finds itself in this Thanksgiving Day and still finds many blessings to count.

One of the most important features of the Thanksgiving Day observance is a switching of emphasis from the wants and seeming needs to the blessings we have.

And most of us are pretty well blessed.

Thanksgiving is a time to give spiritual thanks to God for these blessings.

### Trees Nice Addition

One of the nicest things to happen in Kings Mountain in recent years has been a planting of Savannah Holly trees in the downtown area.

The citizens owe a big thank you to all the Garden Clubs of the city for this project.

They raised the funds to purchase the 43 trees which now grace Battleground Avenue and Mountain Street, and they contracted Joe Champion to

plant them.

The trees will give lasting beauty to the downtown area as the years go by, and will have special meaning during this time of year when we turn our thoughts toward the Holiday Season.

The community is proud of the trees, and its many citizens who labored long to bring this project to reality.

### We'll Miss These Three

The death of Franklin Harry removed from the Grover Community a man, who quietly and unassumingly, left a considerable imprint on the town in which he was an active industrial and humanitarian and mayor for 30 years from 1945-75.

It was well known to all that Franklin Harry loved Grover and Grover returned his high affection.

The Grover community mourns the passing of a good friend.

The Herald joins with the many friends of both families in expressing sincere sympathy to Mrs. J.N. McClure, at the death of her husband, "Joe," and to

Mrs. Marcia Moore Putnam at the death of her husband, "Bill."

Both men were highly respected in the community.

Mr. McClure, 78, was a retired mining engineer at Lithium Corporation of America and long active in Central United Methodist Church.

Mr. Putnam, 44, died after a long hard fight against cancer which forced him to resign from his contracting business almost two years ago. He was active in Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

The community will miss these gentlemen.

### Call For A Recount

The Herald hopes that the state board of elections will disagree with the recent findings of the Cleveland County elections board and call for a recount of the votes in the Nov. 4 county commissioners' election. Transcripts from the recent hearing on the matter by the county elections board are now in the hands of Raleigh officials. We believe that a recount of the votes will remove a lot of questions in the minds of voters and make it a lot easier for the commission as a whole to serve the citizens they represent.

Hearty congratulations to leaders of the 1981 United Way Campaign and to Kings Mountain citizens who again surpassed their goal of giving to numerous good causes. Kings Mountain is a caring community and has proved this factor time and time again.

It hardly seems possible but Christmas is just around the corner.

Santa Claus comes to town Sunday in the KM Fire Department and KM Merchants Association annual Yule parade and the activities start at 3 p.m.

City firemen and merchants have been busy getting ready for the annual event which officially opens the Christmas shopping season.

Don't miss the Christmas parade!

Congratulations to North School P-TA which raised \$5,300 in a Community Festival last Saturday in spite of rainy weather which failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the large crowds. By mid-afternoon 1500 hot dogs had been consumed and many of the entertainment rooms were posting "closed" signs since all gift items had been distributed.

Jackie Scism, chairman, and Sarah Shaw and Eleanor Scism, co-chairmen, deserve praise for their leadership of the fundraiser which will provide the money for new playground equipment. The young people providing free entertainment during the afternoon deserve high marks too for their professional performances.

### Reader Dialogue

To the Parents of Children in the Kings Mountain area:

I would like to invite you to enroll your children in the Community Youth Choir. This Choir is a community youth choir and children of all races and faiths are invited to attend.

This is not a church choir nor is it intended for one certain group.

Its purpose is not to take away from the church nor our school systems, as some would have you believe, but to offer added spiritual strength to the youth of our community.

Your children are an asset to our community and our community owes it to them to give them the best in life.

Do you care enough for your children to enroll them in the CYC? Sure you do.

So please call one of these numbers: The Community Building, Monday through Friday, 739-3549 or the director of the choir, Mrs. Pauline Wright, at 739-8931. The Choir meets on Tuesday afternoon from 3:15 until 4:15 p.m.

Someone will pick your child up at school and

deliver them home after rehearsal.

Please enroll them now as we are working on our Christmas programs. If there is enough interest shown, we will form two choirs. Younger choir is composed of children 8-11; older choir, 12-18.

**PAULINE S. WRIGHT**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN

### Thanks

Dear Editors:

The Historic Iredell Foundation wishes to extend to you its appreciation for your cooperation in running the news article about our tour of historic structures on October 26. Without publicity from you, the tour would not be possible. Because of you the success of the tour has provided funds that bring the Lowenstein-Henkel house closer to preservation for future generations.

**THE HISTORIC IREDELL FOUNDATION, INC.**  
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Crystal Jarman, Publicity Coordinator

## Frank Cox Always Took Time To Explain

Serving as Circulation Manager of The Herald for a number of years brought me in constant touch with the late B. Frank Cox. The Herald was then located within sight of the U.S. Postoffice downtown and Mr. Cox was the assistant postmaster, retiring in 1973 after a 34 year tenure.

Mr. Cox always took the time to answer any questions concerning all the "red tape" involved in filling out numerous postoffice forms required to distribute the newspaper through the mail to our readers. The forms were always changing, not to mention addresses and expiration dates of subscriptions. Back then, we had to do a zone count of the mailing list periodically, not only for the postal service but for the Audit Bureau of Circulation, which audited the paid circulation of the paper, and we were not into stencils then in the much more modern process we use today. The mailing list was galleys and galleys of type printed on pages and pages of newsprint. I inherited the circulation duties when Charlie Carpenter resigned as sports editor and circulation manager to get into a new business.

Just about everyone on the postoffice staff, at one time or another, helped me with the mailing lists and oftentimes Mr. Cox, Postmaster Charles Alexander, Fred Weaver, Howard Smith or Don Crawford had to open up at night to get us the mailbags that one of our people had forgotten to pick up when the postoffice closed its doors at 5 o'clock. Sometimes the pressmen didn't tell me the mailbags were missing until long after Mr. Cox had departed from Wednesday night prayer meeting at



**Lib Stewart**

Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

It was that kind of kindness that Mr. Cox gave to all his customers over the years and most of them didn't awaken him late at night to pick up newspaper mailbags.

Frank Cox was a very efficient postal servant who began as a clerk and graduated to assistant postmaster. He was no "legal eagle." In fact, he leaned to the other side as he sought to pare red tape along the route of the basic job of getting mail to the addressee with all possible haste. We all missed this down-to-earth good man when he retired to stay at home and enjoy his grandchildren.

Mr. Cox was a family man who was devoted to his wife, Mildred, their son, Bob, now of Reidsville, their daughters, Sarah Shaw of Kings Mountain and Martha Poteat of McLean, Va. and their nine grandchildren. His family and his church came first but, even in those early years of my growing up on the Herald when I met him at the Postoffice, I could tell that the post office was also his life and he loved it.



**GARY STEWART**

Short cuts from the world of sports:

Kings Mountain will host an Atlantic Coast Conference wrestling match on February 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the KMHS gym. The Clemson Tigers will host the University of North Carolina in a match which will pit two of the ACC's top outfits.

Records, they say, were made to be broken. But, the passing marks set by Kings Mountain's Pat Murphy at Appalachian in the late sixties are holding up. Murphy, a Hall of Famer at ASU, still holds seven career and eight game or season records. He threw for 5,128 yards in his four-year career, 46 touchdown passes and chalked up 5,140 yards total offense.

Dennis Byrd, former Lincolnton High and N.C. State All-American, has resigned his post as head football coach at West Lincoln after eight years on the job. Byrd never built a championship team there but he knocked off perennial 2-A power Maiden twice.

Jim Wright, who quarterbacked his sophomore year at Cherryville High School, quarterbacked Myrtle Beach High to its conference title and a trip to the South Carolina State Playoffs this fall.

Mike Ware, former Kings Mountain High lineman, continues to turn out winners at Newberry, S.C. After a rare absence from the title picture last year, Ware's charges won their conference title again this fall and made it to the State Playoffs.

Scott Wells, former football player at Kings Mountain High, used some of the strategy he learned under coaches Bob Jones and Dan Brooks to coach his Elizabeth Bulldogs midgets to an undefeated, unscored on season in the Cleveland County League this year.

The Bulldogs blanked their closest competitor, Lawndale-Fallston 8-0 in the final regular season game a couple Saturdays ago.

Elizabeth finished with an 8-0 record. The league is now having its annual tournament.



**Poets Corner**

### IN EVERYTHING

The singing birds bring god so near  
flowers speak of His glory,  
the breeze whispers of His goodness and mercy  
we are here to tell 'the story'.

Through His creation God is speaking  
every moment of the day,  
His likeness is easy to discern  
in every colorful display.

The grandeur of the flowering earth  
the glories of the heavens above,  
Bearing a message of blessed hope  
God's message of dearest love.

The singing birds bring God so new  
whatever the day may bring,  
Blessed is the one who can see  
God's hand in everything.

Vivian S. Biltcliffe

## LOOKING BACK

From The Thurs., Nov. 29, 1951 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald

Record crowds are expected to invade Kings Mountain Thursday afternoon for the annual Christmas parade officially opening the holiday shopping season here.

A "practical" cease fire in Korea was reported Wednesday by an American war correspondent.

### Social and Personal

Miss Peggy Arthur, student at WCUNC, arrived this week to spend the holidays with her parents.

The Margrace Woman's Club held its regular meeting Friday night at the Margrace clubhouse.

## Parents Invited To Enroll Children In Choir

### Good To Be Citizens

To The Editor:

It is a pleasure to be a United States Citizen. Even though we are frustrated by Bureaucracy, and the citizens are exasperated by inflation, hardship and government originated misfortune, we can look forward to future elections to replace the people in office in hopes that situations will improve.

This year, the voters showed their need and concern, by their spirited attendance at the polls.

However, the referendum concerning judges requirements, whether to, or not to be lawyers, was of importance enough to be placed on the ballot, but no emphasis was exercised to make the voter aware of how critical the outcome might become. The need for better government was their prime concern, and the referendum was a strong unrecognized part of it.

The State of North Carolina has removed

another one of the "People's Rights" by mixing it into a panel of confusing final decisions. The voters have been misled by a co-incidental "side effect" of the election process.

Justice administered by professional patterns leaves little chance for the unfairly accused. Professional people are, usually, educated machines, not necessarily accustomed to mercifully dealing with the compassionate phase of true Justice.

Attorneys have led the people to believe every judge had to be, first, a lawyer. This misconception kept the lawyers and judges in the same syndicate.

The State's judges become judge and jury and they are almost untouchable, not subject to reprimand for misconduct, miscarriage of justice or anything else.

If a judge should overstep the sphere of responsibility to society, the possibility of his being replaced by someone who would exercise less mechanical prejudice, and more thoughtful sensibility, would bring the court system much closer to true justice than it may approach now.

Bill Brooks