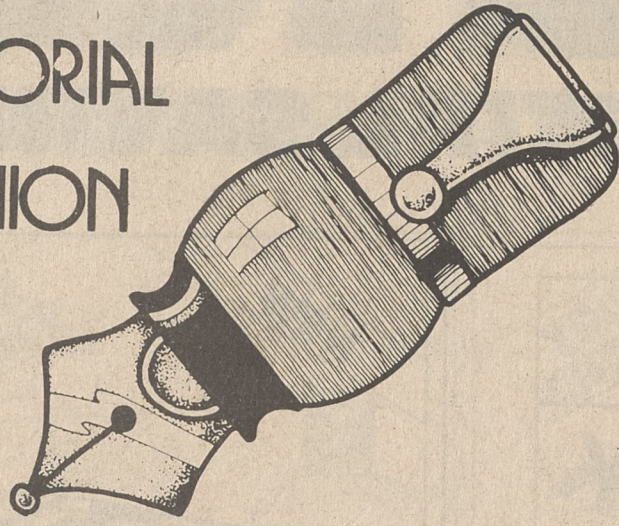


EDITORIAL
OPINION

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost. St. Matthew 18:11.

Mrs. J.W. Gladden

Millie Mauney (Mrs. John W.) Gladden loved people and whenever someone asked her to do a favor she would reply, "I'll do the best I can." The 80-year-old Kings Mountain woman was killed Tuesday when she stepped off a curb in front of the Depot Center into the path of a dump truck.

Ironically, she was on her way to the Depot Center to do the "best she could" in her role as a volunteer. She had made the trip twice a day, and sometimes more, ever since the program for Senior Citizens began some years ago. She always went early to help out with preparations for the serving of lunch and the program for senior citizens. She liked to walk from her home on Parker Street two blocks away because she liked the exercise the morning walk gave her and always turned down offers of rides from family and friends.

She also loved her volunteer work with Unit 155 of the American Legion Auxiliary and spent every Memorial Day weekend distributing poppies on downtown streets where monies collected went to veterans projects. Mrs. Gladden's husband, John W. Gladden, earned the title of "Mr. Legionnaire" in Kings Mountain and Millie, or "Gladden", as she was affectionately called, did her share of supporting the Legion and Auxiliary projects for many years. She and her husband reared 11 children. Mr. Gladden was a World War I veteran. They had seen their sons go to war during World War II and the Korean conflict.

Her volunteer service was not limited to senior citizens and the Legion and Auxiliary, she worked in Second Baptist Church and never forgot that her church once helped her and her 11 children when her late husband was recovering from tuberculosis.

The community mourns the passing of a fine lady, an exemplary citizen and Christian mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. "Gladden" will be missed.

The Democratic Ticket

The conventions are now over, if not the bombast, and Democrats have come up with what they feel is a strong ticket featuring a former Carter Vice President Walter (Fritz) Mondale from Minnesota and for the first time ever, a woman, who made history when she became the Vice Presidential nominee.

Geraldine A. Ferraro, a two term U.S. Senator from New York, has probably been featured on more front pages and magazines in the country since John F. Kennedy, adding to the excitement of the ticket of nominee-at-last Walter Mondale and making history for her country, her party and her sex. Only time will tell if Democrats made the right choice when voters go to the polls for the November elections.

Clearly, Mondale computed that they could not win with the standard campaign. His method of arriving at his choice of running mates has received pelting abuse in some areas of the nation. Certainly, Ferraro brings liabilities and assets to the Democratic ticket.

It will be some days yet before the pollsters get to operating in full fashion and thereby indicate the trend in the nation.

LOOKING BACK

(From the July 24, 1952 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald). J.B. Ellis, chairman of the Grover School committee, said Tuesday that a minority of Grover School patrons are objecting strenuously to the decision by the school committee in abandoning the "split term" this year. Grover School did not open Monday for the usual split or summer session, as all other county schools with the exception of Park Grace and Dover.

As a final pre-nuptial courtesy to Miss Peggy Baker, bride-elect, Mrs. Ernest J. Mauney entertained Friday at 1 o'clock with the bridesmaids luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Mauney.

Sheila Putman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.P. Putman, celebrated her second birthday Saturday afternoon with a party at her home.

Miss Mary Tipton Baker and Leonard Gray Fulford, Jr. were married Friday evening at 8 p.m. in a ceremony in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

President Supports Cuts

The president favors budget cuts to reduce the federal deficit, is concerned about the Soviets and opposes the Equal Rights Amendment. You knew that.

But did you know that the president hails from Wethersfield, Conn. is a female, is looking forward to law school and is 17 years old?

President Sandy Jedzianik was elected last Wednesday to head Girls nation, a week-long citizenship training program of the American Legion Auxiliary, among 98 high school juniors from 49 states gathered at Marymount College of Virginia in Arlington.

Under the American Legion Auxiliary sponsored program, two girls from each state, excluding Louisiana, are selected as senators by state conventions, called Girls State, to attend the national meeting each year.

This was my first experience on the Public Relations staff for the Auxiliary at Girls Nation.

The 98 senators elect a president and vice president, appoint a supreme court and debate and enact legislation. In their free time during the week they are shisked around the nation's capitol, touring monuments and museums, placing a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington, attending church service at the Washington Cathedral, visiting with their real life counterparts in all three branches of the government, and culminated the week by meeting President Reagan in the Rose Garden at the White House last Friday and presenting him the Girls Nation bills which had been passed during the week.

Reagan should have no argument from Jedzianik, who is a conservative, and Reagan supporter (she told the crowd in the Rose Garden and before the TV reporters assembled, that she supports President Reagan for re-election). But the President may need to be concerned about the Girls Nation Vice President. You see, she wants his job.

Karen Twenhafel, 17, of Coffeyville, Kansas, said her ambition is to be President of the United States. She presided like a pro over the Senate of Girls nation which considered bills ranging from prohibiting capital punishment to abolishing the separation between church and state. These senators acted quickly. In one session they eliminated the electoral college, raised the drinking age to 21, and formed a regulatory commission by on recombinant DNA.

Some of them complained that their bills weren't being heard and others were exasperated by all the motions and delays. The presiding officer explained to them that parliamentary procedure was traditional.

Despite the problem with getting some of the many bills heard and passed, the Senators had nothing but praise for Girls Nation. The Virginia delegation, for instance, sponsored a bill that calls for "mandatory recyclability, reuseability or biodegradability of all beverage containers" and they said the Auxiliary program made them proud to be patriotic and angry at those who are not patriotic.

For Ulrika Szalay, 17, of Ithaca, New York, selection in late May to Girls Nation was patriotic icing on a brand new cake. The day before, Ulrike, was made a United States citizen. "For the first time that day, I knew what it was like to be patriotic," said Ulrike, whose family escaped from East Germany.

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Many girls ran for the two elected offices, president and vice president, from two parties, Nationalists and Federalists, and conducted traditional "whistle stop" campaigning. The unsuccessful candidate from the Federalist party, (and the majority party, by the way), was 17 year old Sarah Pearson of Stanford, California.

She was selected later in the week by the Girls Nation senators to receive the coveted Girls Nation Citizenship Award, a \$1500 scholarship "as the best citizen among the group. The President of Girls Nation receives a \$2,000 college scholarship and the Vice President receives a \$1,000 college scholarship. The Auxiliary spends approximately \$105,000 each year to send the Girls nation senators to Washington, junior and senior counselors and other staff members for the week's training session held on the campus of Marymount College in Arlington, Va. The girls are taken by chartered bus and cabs all over the capitol, live in the dormitory, and conduct their Senate sessions in Butler Auditorium on campus.

One highlight of the week for us was to see Carole Channing on the stage in "Jerry's Girls," at The Kennedy Center last Thursday evening. Dressed in long ball gowns, the girls caught the attention of the playgoers and several of them wanted to know if they were beauty contestants in a teen pageant.

Even though everyone was tired, you wouldn't have believed it on Friday night when Boys Nation senators arrived from American University for a commencement program and dance. As soon as the candlelighting ceremony and presentation of awards was over, the 98 girls ran to the dorm, took off their long formals and put on jeans. They had dressed up all week in street clothes, with white gloves, for their meetings and visits. They were ready for fun. Saturday morning when they all packed up to go home, there were a lot of teary eyed young folk who had made friends they would miss.



GIRLS NATION PROGRAM - President Ronald Reagan greets the 98 "senators" of Girls Nation in the White Rose Garden. From left, a White House aide, President Sandy Jedzianik of Connecticut, Vice President Karen Twenhafel of Kansas, presenting a copy of the "bills" to the President, and Alice Galka of Indiana, director of the National American Legion Auxiliary sponsored program.

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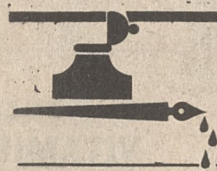
Kings Mountain firemen were called to two fires in less than an hour Friday night.

Firefighters were searching a house at 300 Stowe Acre for hot spots when a second alarm sounded at 9:38 p.m. from Sadie Mills where smoke was discovered coming from both ends of the building. The Bethlehem Fire Department was called to assist at 9:40 p.m.

After clearing the smoke, firefighters discovered the fire in a dust collector.

The house fire at the residence of J.T. Phillips apparently began around 8:55 p.m. in a utility room. A damage estimate has not been completed for either fire, firemen said.

Local fireman Bill Ware said that "Neither fire by itself would have been much except they hit us at the same time".



Letters To The Editor

Squad Deserves Praise
For Savings Boy's Life

Dear Editor:

The recent near tragic event occurring at Kings Mountain and the efforts applied by local rescue volunteers prompt me to write this letter. The Kings Mountain Rescue Squad has taken some lumps recently. Of course, none of us is perfect and I'm sure some criticisms may be justified occasionally. However, I also feel that we should show our support and appreciation when it's deserved.

I am personally thankful that we have citizens who are willing and able to volunteer their time and efforts to the necessary services of the rescue squad. Climbing through rocks, brush and orians during an electrical storm and downpour isn't a glamorous duty, but at a boy's life was saved because someone was willing to do it.

Apparently many people still fail to understand that the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad depends heavily on volunteer services. The

county funding relates only to three fulltime employees and reimbursement for ambulance transport expenses within certain limitations. Rescue activities are funded by contributions from individuals and the United Fund. The three paid squad members are also required to volunteer additional time during their non-paid hours.

We all need these services and we can ensure their availability by supporting the squad through our contributions. More importantly, I think, is the need for additional volunteer support. The squad will accept applications from any citizen willing to devote the time necessary. I commend the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and express my hope that more citizen support and assistance will be provided. We never know when we or our families will need their help.

LARRY W. WOOD

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