

## Bible School life-changing experience

When I was first approached about taking the Vacation Bible School Director position for my church this year, I thought, "no problem. I will pray for guidance, start planning early and keep everything organized."

I ordered my Director's Planning Guide right away and dutifully began to read. It was then that I felt the true weight of the responsibility to which I had taken on.

Through my reading, I learned that "Vacation Bible School is the single largest outreach event for most churches," and that "more people have come to know Jesus as Savior through Vacation Bible School than through any other single church event."

I realized, that through the fun-filled adventure-themed experience the participants involved also get to know more about God and how to find His grace.

Once I realized the true significance of this effort, I knew that I had to do everything that I can do to encourage parents and guardians to send their children to Vacation Bible School. Typically, there is one going on during almost every week of the summer, and let face it, there is nowhere else that your children could go this summer to learn a more valuable lesson than the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. Some of the churches, mine included, have even chosen a VBS theme that teaches character building as well.

In the world of today, our children need these lessons. Please send yours to at least one Vacation Bible School experience this summer.

Karen Rippy  
Grover

## Letters

We appreciate your letters and encourage you to write. We limit the number of letters that any one person may have published to one a month. Also, we ask that you keep your letters short, no more than two pages double-spaced or one page single-spaced. Handwritten letters are accepted, but must be legible.

We will not publish third party letters, unsolicited poems, thank-you letters or letters from anonymous writers; names, addresses, and phone numbers must be included. We reserve the right to edit letters for grammar, punctuation, clarity, brevity and content.

Letters must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published.

## THE BUNNY TRAIL



The Easter Bunny greets a big crowd of youngsters Saturday morning at the annual City of Kings Mountain Easter Egg hunt at Jake Early Sports Complex.

GARY STEWART / THE HERALD

## It's a good week to turn improve the environment

This week is important for environmentalists of all ages. Earth Day was on Tuesday, and Arbor Day is tomorrow. This is the time of year when we hear about saving trees and whales.

Many people roll their eyes when they hear about different efforts environmentalists are taking to protect the environment. Many immediately think of people on rafts with signs that say, "Save the Whales," sailing out in front of whaling ships trying to keep whales from being captured or killed. In the movie, "Armageddon," the main character is an oil rig owner, who hits golf balls in the direction of the environmentalists each morning.

Even with the cheap shots aimed at certain environmental groups, most people do care about the environment. Most like to see green grass, birds, and trees. Most like to eat fresh fruits and vegetables as often as they can. The question becomes, how can we protect what we enjoy?

One problem that has been addressed in the past but which still needs to be faced is the problem of pesticides. While we have laws within the United States which restrict the use of certain pesticides, we still import fruit and vegetables from countries who do use those pesticides. Much of the fruit and vegetables we eat contains those pesticides.

Additionally, many of the pesticides that we do use within the United States are even more harmful than the ones that were outlawed many years ago. Each year, pesticides get more and more potent because the insects develop immunities to the ones used the previous year. The only solution is to develop a pesticide that is even more powerful to do the same work as the one used the year before.

I recently read a book by a woman named Gloria Anzaldua. She worked as a picker in the southwest as a child and young adult. Often the ranchers would fly over the fields and sprinkle pesticides over their crops while the workers were still in the field. Anzaldua said the pesticides actually killed several people and caused pregnant women to lose their babies. Anzaldua herself had to have a hysterectomy at a young age because of the damage inflicted on her system by the pesticides. She has also developed diabetes, as a result.

See Abigail, 5A



Abigail Wolford  
Staff Writer

## A little bit about horses, church signs and France

I've written columns about old time cowboys in the past, but I never got as much response as I did by mentioning Ken Maynard's horse. People are calling almost every day to tell me the horse's name was Tarzan, and they are right.

One lady called and told me her father, who is an invalid, perked up when he read the column, and said one word: "Tarzan."

I got the idea for that question from a friend who walks every morning at Tuckasee Center in Mount Holly. He actually used to have a horse named Tarzan which he named after Maynard's white stallion.

Yates Pryor, who spent most of his adult life in the movie business, brought in a book the other day called "Silent Hoofbeats" It is sub-titled A Salute to the Horses and Riders of the Bygone B-Western Era.

Written by Bobby Copeland of Oak Ridge, Tenn., the subject of the book is horses ridden by cowboys in movies and on TV. There is a listing of all their names. It's a wonderful western trivia reference source.

Does anybody remember Little Beaver's horse's name? It was Papoose, and maybe Bobby Blake should have stuck with horses. How about Buck Jones? His horse was named Silver, even before the Lone Ranger's mount became famous. Bob Steele rode horses named Zane, Toby, Brownie, Boy, Sonny, Coco, Flambow and Bullet.

The book tells you who the best riders were, and who could hardly sit a horse. Some of the best were Maynard, Roy Rogers, Tom Mix and Johnny Mack Brown. William Boyd (Hopalong Cassidy), Allan Lane and Tex Ritter were terrible riders. Ritter almost killed Jimmy Wakely by running him down because he couldn't get his horse to stop while filming a scene.

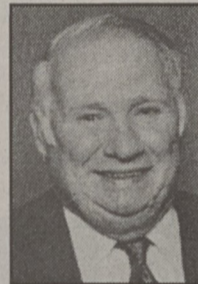
"Silent Hoofbeats" is a real treasure for fans of old westerns.

Signs — Recently, as I drove past N. Main St. Baptist Church in Mount Holly, the sign out front caught my eye: "Loosen up, Moses was once a basket case." I thought to myself, "what a good example of secular humor!"

I've been doing a little research and here are a few examples of other church signs:

- Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours

See Jim, 5A



JIM HEFFNER  
Columnist

## LOOK BACK

### KM band one of best in NC in April 1942

From the April 23, 1942 edition of the Kings Mountain Herald:

Running true to form the high stepping Kings Mountain School Band won the coveted rating of one in the 23rd annual state high school music contest and festival in Greensboro Friday. Director Paul Hendricks and his prize winning musicians arrived back home about 12:30 tired but happy.

T.V. Hill began his duties as a member of the Kings Mountain Police Department Tuesday, according to Chief Jimmy Burns.

All arrangements for the Community Patriotic Rally and Religious Service at the Central School Auditorium Sunday at 3 p.m. have been completed, according to Mrs. F.R. Summers, Regent of the local chapter of D.A.R.

A field of 29 candidates for the 17 county offices squared off Saturday as filing lists closed for the spring primary to be held Saturday, May 30.

The three-act comedy-drama "Blackberry Winter" will be presented this evening by the Little Theatre. Miss Mary Frances Hord is directress.

Stockholders of Lake Montonia met Tuesday in the office of H.T. Fulton and re-elected all officers including President Dr. J.F. Cranford, Vice President H.S. Blackmer, and secretary and treasurer H. Tom Fulton.

In their first home game of the season, the Mountaineers defeated Cherryville 10-5 Tuesday.

The starting lineup for Kings Mountain was Buck Early, Coyte Payseur, Pink Ware, Paul Hamm, Doris Bennett, Howard Proctor, Norman Roper, Hoyle Lee Whitesides and Floyd Smith was the pitcher. Ware and Bennett led the Mountaineer batmen with 4-for-5 apiece.

Ben Bridges, freshman at Catawba College, Salisbury, has been elected treasurer of the student government association.

The meeting of Central School Parent-Teachers Association was held in the school auditorium Tuesday with Mrs. J.L. Settlemyer Jr. presiding.

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet will be held Friday evening in the high school cafeteria, and will be followed by a dance in the gymnasium.

## SIDEWALK SURVEY

BY ABIGAIL WOLFORD  
THE HERALD

### Do you think diplomacy will work with North Korea?



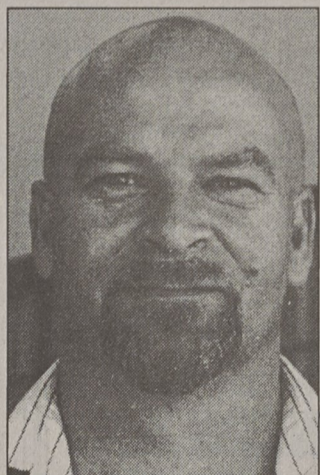
"I'd like to think it would work in every situation. Yes, I think it will work."

Karen Roy  
Kings Mountain



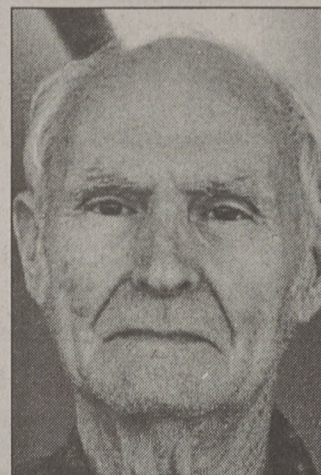
"I pray that it will. I hope so. We've got to go in and give it our best. If the Lord is leading us, we will give it our best."

June Phifer  
Kings Mountain



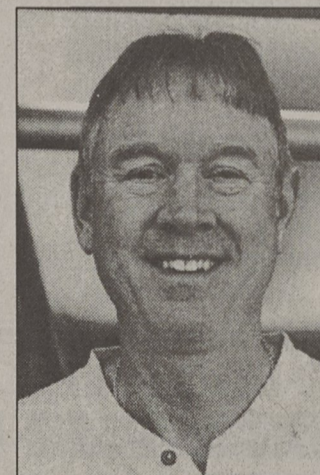
"No. They're Communists. I just don't think it's that simple."

David Corriher  
Shelby



"I really don't know, but it should."

George McCombs  
Gastonia



"Yes. I believe they've seen what's going on in Iraq, and they will respond accordingly."

Jay Rhodes  
Kings Mountain