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Today's Bible Verse: Now abideth faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Watch the children

Ghosts and goblins, witches and werewolves, vampires on every corner. All manners of creatures parade up and down the street, giggling at one another. It is the one day out of the 365 when reality gives way to fantasy; when kids spend the entire evening trying to scare each other silly.

It is Halloween.

Halloween is a great time for children but a few safety precautions and the Kings Mountain Police Department gives these reminders.

+ Do not let your child carry a candle-lit jack o' lantern.

+ Make sure that your child's costume is easily visible to motorists. Many Halloween costumes can be bought with reflective patterns or you may attach reflective strips yourself.

+ Instruct your children not to eat any candy that is not individually wrapped.

+ Make sure that your child stays in areas that are well lighted; dark alleys can be dangerous.

+ Set a time limit on your child's trick or treating so that he will know when

you expect him to be home.

+ Instruct your child not to walk in the street while trick-or-treating; he should walk on the sidewalk or in yards. It is also a wise idea to go over the route your child will take before he leaves. Children should stay in their neighborhood and around those homes that are familiar to them.

+ Parents should accompany small children when they go trick or treating. Older children should travel in groups. Do not let your children travel alone.

+ Instruct your children not to accept any rides from strangers or enter the homes of people that they do not know.

+ Make sure that your child has emergency information with him. This information should include your name, address, and telephone number. Also include any allergies, such as reactions to penicillin, on the card.

+ Make sure your child has enough change with him to call if he needs you.

Happy Halloween.



Poets Corner

AUTUMN SENTIMENT

The feeling of Fall grows stronger
When leaves come down in showers,
Making a coverlet of red and gold
to comfort the fading flowers.
Mother nature takes a sigh of relief
When Autumn winds blow,
Anticipating a season of peaceful rest
perhaps under a blanket of snow.

The faces of fireplaces light up
When fire-wood is stacked near by,
Birds in flocks fly over house tops
being followed by many an eye.
Cornstalks are silently standing in shock
When the ears have waxed old,
They cannot hear the call of crows
or ripe grain withhold.

The feeling of Fall grows stronger
When bird nests rest with empty arms,
Fall activities speed steadily up
gathering in the harvest from farms,
The length of a day grows shorter
When the aroma of wood smoke is in the air,
On a moon-lit night under the stars
The feeling of Autumn is everywhere.

VIVIAN S. BILTCLIFFE

In Memory of David Lonnie Whisnant
Who passed away one year ago October 30,
1978

Our hearts are filled with sadness,
Our eyes shed many a tear,
God only knows how we miss you,
At the end of one sad year.

Some may think we are not lonely,
When at times they see us smile,
But little do they know the heartache
That we suffer all the while.

LOVED AND SADLY MISSED
THE CHILDREN
OTIS, BERNICE, VADER & EVELYN

Our food cost less

It may be of little comfort to you when you're checking out at the super market, but chances are that you as an "average" American food shopper, had to work fewer hours to pay for your groceries than did your counterpart in most other countries.

According to statistical researchers with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans work fewer hours for the money to buy most food items than do people in a number of industrialized countries.

Last year an average wage earner in Washington, D.C. worked one hour and 27 minutes to earn the money to buy a pound of white bread, a pound of sliced bacon, a pound of sirloin steak, a pound of pork chops, a dozen large eggs, a pound of tomatoes, a pound of broiler chicken, a dozen oranges and a pound of butter.

Workers in Canada averaged better - only one hour and 24 minutes.

Japanese workers on the average had to work longer than those of most of the countries surveyed. To earn the money to buy the same selection of groceries, the Japanese had to work seven hours and 15 minutes. The largest single cost item was sirloin steak. This cost the equivalent of \$15.66 in Japan, compared to \$2.17 in the U.S.

And, not only the cost of groceries and gasoline are escalating, among other things, but next year's bride will spend more for her wedding gown and veil, approximately \$310, say NCSU agricultural extension specialists who report the overall wedding industry has \$12 billion in annual sales.

Top manufacturers of wedding dresses say that their sales this year will be up 10 percent.

One industry spokesman says that not only are total marriages on the rise, but there is also a trend back to formal weddings.

Congratulations to Laura Marie McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. McGinnis, who last week was chosen Kings Mountain High School's DAR Good Citizen...

Congratulations to the Kings Mountain Junior High jayvee football team which last Wednesday defeated arch rival Shelby 12-6 to win the Western Junior High Athletic Association championship with a 6-0-1 record.

The Herald and the community welcome newcomers Michael, Denise, Jason and Chuck Goudeock. Rev. Goudeock is the new pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church.



GARY STEWART

The class of '49

Kings Mountain High School's Class of 1949 held its 30th reunion Saturday at Kings Mountain Inn with 26 classmates attending.

People came from the two Carolinas, Virginia, Florida and Georgia and one classmate, Herman Mauney, came all the way from Albuquerque, N.M., to be with his friends.

The highlight of the evening came when the group talked over long-distance hookup to many of their classmates who could not attend.

Special guests included former Principal J.E. Honeycutt, former Superintendent B.N. Barnes and former teachers Mrs. W.T. Weir and Alice Ridenhour Wise.

Jack Ruth served as master of ceremonies, Charles Blanton welcomed his classmates back to Kings Mountain, Demouth Blanton responded, Garland Still recognized guests and Doris McDaniel Plyler presented prizes.

A memorial was given by Demouth Blanton for the four deceased members of the class, in whose memory the reunion booklet was dedicated. Those four included Benny Gene Carpenter, Denver Gladden, Betty Lingerfelt Roper and Hunter Warlick.

Surviving class officers were present, including president Demouth Blanton, vice president Hilton Lamar Ruth Jr., and treasurer Garland Still Jr.

Members of the committee which planned the special night were Charles Blanton, Billie Sue McDaniel Eidson, Doris McDaniel Plyler, Jack Ruth and Garland Still.

Mrs. Plyler, who was the contact person with the Herald, spent several days prior to the reunion at the doctor's office being treated for high blood pressure. "My husband said he knew it was because I was excited about the reunion," she said.

Tommy Barnette, who owns a used furniture store next door to the Herald office on North Piedmont Avenue, came by the other day and I asked him if he saw the Goodyear blimp fly over town.

"I'm glad you saw that," he said. "I told some people down the street that I saw the Goodyear blimp fly over top of Kings Yarn, and they accused me of having a few too many."

Speaking of the blimp, I was on my way back from lunch that day and one of my neighbors was sitting in the middle of the road in his car. He flagged me down and I thought he had car trouble. He pointed up to the sky and I saw the blimp coming across the top of some trees.

As usual, when something like that happens, I didn't have a camera with me. I rushed back home and got one but remembered it had color film in it. I got some excellent color shots when it came over top of my house, but, as you know, color shots don't reproduce so well in the paper.

So, I took the exposed color film out and put in a roll of black and white. But by that time, the blimp had already gone out of sight.

I jumped in Betsy (that's my old faithful Ford, you know) and struck out toward the South Carolina line. I'm thankful the S.C. Highway Patrol wasn't out in the Antioch community because I was laying some fresh tracks. I finally caught the blimp near Blacksburg and snapped the black and white photo which was in last Thursday's paper.

Here's a question we'd like for some of you to answer.

A newcomer to our city stopped by the other day and asked where the nickname "Tar Heels" came from. I gave him my version of it, but I'm not sure it's right. He said he had asked 15 different people since coming to KM and he'd received about that many different answers.

I've made it a point to ask since then and I, too, have received many different responses. If you think you know, write me at P.O. Box 752, or give me a call at 739-7496.



CLASS REUNION—Pictured above are members of the KMHS Class of '49, which held its 30th reunion Saturday at Kings Mountain Inn. First row, left to right, Myrtle Rose, John Ellison, Peggy Lawing, Louise Early, Doris Plyler, Jackie Wright, Doris McGinnis, Martha Potat, Billie Eidson, Hazel Mitchem. Second row, Will Herndon, Jack Ledford, Jack Ruth, Donald Wilson, Charles Blanton. Back row, Bill Blackwell, J.B. Weaver, Demouth Blanton, Herman Mauney, Joe Neisler Jr., Don Eng, Garland Still and J.D. Barrett. In photo below, Principal J.E. Honeycutt talks over long distance telephone-microphone hookup to a member of the class that could not attend as other class members listen over loud speaker.

Photos by Gary Stewart

Goblins'll



getcha ...

The goblins'll getcha if you don't watch out...

It's spook time again, and another season for the witches to gallivant on their broomsticks, the youngest to don masks of weird variety and time to make a grinning jack-o-lantern of the nearest available pumpkin.

I suppose it would be proper to call Otis Falls the city's pumpkin man, for he has sold quite a few of them each season, some for jack-o-lanterns and some for a delicacy known as pumpkin pie. But the late "Soup" Roberts used to take the honors as the super salesman of pumpkins in these parts. A supposed Yankee car was passing through and stopped at Mountain View Farms, admired the "cantaloupes" and purchased one. Mr. Roberts declared he never told the mistaken customer the difference.

But, tomorrow night is the annual Halloween celebration when, according to an old-model dictionary, the young traditionally play pranks.

Halloween celebrations have taken a different form from days of yore and the change is a thankful one. The moppets, in their masks and garb, once gathered in the city's business district shortly after dusk to display their weird costumes. What kind of delight was obtained from hitting another masked marvel over the head with a stuffed stocking, I can't rightly remember.

And, just what year or years that this type celebration changed, I don't know. But, whoever exhibited the brain for organized Halloween parties at the schools, the churches, and now the popular Jaycee-sponsored Horror House, did the community a real favor.

It was also old-style Halloween, not necessarily abandoned, to play pranks on older folks. Yard gates and mail boxes were prime targets and doorbells got an overtime workout.

The doorbell is still in use, and it will not be unwise for citizens to have good supplies of candies on hand to pay the blackmail to the young folk on their trick or treat propositions. At least one church group, Central United Methodist Church Youth, will be trick-or-treating for funds for the United Nation's Children's Fund.

Though Halloween is primarily a frolic for the young, the holiday has its benefits for us older people too. The color favorite of the Fall season, orange and black, solves the decoration problems for this season hostess. I don't know what we women folk would do without a special holiday.

The men get a break, too, on



Lib Stewart

Halloween. A mask for the young one, candies and apples for the vendors, but no regularly-required gift line is advertised on Halloween for the ladyfolk, unless her birthday or anniversary falls on that day.

One member of our family, Leigh Anne, daughter of Gary and Mary Jo Stewart, celebrates her sixth birthday tomorrow and so Halloween is a real family celebration at their house.

But if Halloween is here, then Christmas must be just around the corner. Whew, how time does race...

LOOKING BACK

From the Nov. 4, 1949 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald

Dixon Presbyterian Church will be dedicated at special services Sunday afternoon, less than five months after the holding of the first service in the new sanctuary.

Kings Mountain church women will observe World Community Day Friday night at a special service at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at which they will supply "Pieces for Peace" to aid needy people of the world.

Everette (Shu) Carlton, football coach of the Kings Mountain High School team for the past two years, was named to the North Carolina Shrine Bowl coaching staff this week.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Garland E. Still entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Club at her home last week.

The members of the Home Arts Club were entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. W.L. Pressly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anthony were hosts to the Couple's Club at their home Thursday night.