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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE—It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High. Psalms 91:1

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

A need for loyalty...

Thursday is Thanksgiving, a national holiday, and a time when the United States pauses to give thanks for the good things of the past year. It began as a thanksgiving for a hardy hand of pioneers who were giving thanks to be away from oppression of rulers who denied them the right of worshiping as they pleased. It was continued as a time to give thanks for a bountiful harvest.

A glance at the headlines of today's newspapers or a short few minutes beside a radio news broadcast or before a television set, indicates the need for a church loyalty campaign throughout the world. It would appear that moral values are being forgot in the press and stir of day-to-day living and making a living, and the church remains

the one major institution devoted exclusively to the things which are good, decent, kind and right.

On Thursday, the people the world over should not only give thanks for the material blessings they have accrued during the year but they might well re-dedicate themselves to the principles of brotherly love.

This nation is indebted to the New England Pilgrims, religious refugees in a new wilderness, for establishing Thanksgiving, now officially a national celebration in the United States.

Unacquainted with pioneer requirements, the Pilgrims learned to live off the land, to protect themselves from hostile Indians, and to earn for themselves a new life in a land where

they could worship as they pleased.

The Thanksgiving rites were observed in appreciation for success in overcoming many obstacles.

Today's wilderness in this nation is hardly the same as was the Pilgrims, but there are many obstacles of different kinds, and the season of Thanksgiving is as much in order today as it was in the 17th Century.

One of the most important features of our 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 the time to give spiritual thanks to God for these blessings.

National book week...

There are many promotional weeks, music week, American Education Week, newspaper week, etc.etc. in fact so many that the weeks of the year have run out and many special weeks find it necessary to share its emphasis with others—but attention should be called to Book Week, and in Kings Mountain there is something to shout about.

It is the Jacob S. Mauney

Memorial Library which continues to grow in volumes, in visitors to the library, and with a recent new addition, the Carolina Room, a much-needed facility to house local histories.

Last week's interesting report on the addition of the Barber Family History and the use of the library shows that more and more people are getting in the habit of using this important community adjunct.

Children use it most, according to circulation figures we have received, and good books are coming off the press constantly and are added to the shelves for children and adults to enjoy.

Giving a book to the library in memorial to a friend is a good investment on an individual basis. It is an even better investment where its circulation potential is community-wide.

Roamin' Around Town

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Thanksgiving means that it is a time to be thankful for food and good things to eat and drink and vegetables. Kelly Mauney

To me, Thanksgiving means getting the whole family together and eating turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. But mostly it means to give thanks for all the wonderful things we have today. Mark Campbell

Thanksgiving means thanks and giving love to one another. I love Thanksgiving so much. We invite people to our house. After we wash the dishes we sit down and watch football games and the parades. After all the dishes are washed we go to grandma's house and all us children play all kinds of games. That's what it means to me. Kim Hord

What Thanksgiving means to me is giving thanks for my family, food, shelter and friends. We go to our cousins and we eat turkey and all the fixings. Charles Postell

Thanksgiving means God's day. I go to church. My mother cooks a good dinner. Daddy likes to come out on Thanksgiving day and play ball with me. Sometimes I go to my grandma's to have turkey with her. Mary Bowers

Thanksgiving is when we give thanks, not when we eat turkey or pie. What it means to me is when the family gets together to give thanks. I am thankful to have a little brother. It gets boring with out someone to play with. Bruce Morrow

(To comment in this column, write Roamin' Around Town, P.O. Box 752, or give me a call at 739-7496.)

Organizing parade no easy chore...

The Kings Mountain Fire Department will stage next Wednesday what appears to be its largest Christmas parade, signalling the formal opening of the Christmas shopping season in Kings Mountain.

Organizing a Christmas parade is no easy chore.

There are bands to book,

floats to build, beauty queens to transport and other infinitum.

Co-Chairmen Johnnie Caldwell and Pete Peterson and their committees have worked hard to make this one of Kings Mountain's biggest and best.

And then there's Santa Claus to be present and, of course, star of the show.

Quitting is easier said than done...

We haven't observed lately on the tube the cowboy in Marlboro country nor Winston tastes good, etc., yet cigarette sales continue to increase.

It could be the cigarette producers have transferred their advertising allegiance to other media and some of the sales increases are attributable

to population increase.

We don't know how many local citizens took part in the "stop smoking" campaign by the Cleveland County Cancer Society last Thursday.

Few smokers fail to subscribe to the family of "I wish I could quit." It's easier said than done. And they don't.

Our hats are off to you...

Commendations are in order to a number of Kings Mountain citizens:

To Alex Owens, veteran member of the board of education, who is retiring after serving two terms, 12 years, on the district board of education, the last two years as chairman, for "a job well done."

To leaders of the successful Kings Mountain United Fund Campaign for 1980 for again topping their goal for the fifth straight year.

And, "welcome home," to two

Kings Mountain natives who have established practices in Kings Mountain; Christopher Steven Crosby, who is engaged in the practice of law on West King St. in the former M.L. Harmon home, and to Dr. Grady K. Howard, Jr. who has assumed the dental practice of the late Dr. D.F. Hord on S. Canaler St.

Congratulations to Jack Scism, elected the new president of the Cleveland County Farm Bureau.

Time to give thanks...

Kings Mountain pauses tomorrow to observe Thanksgiving before charging into the annual pre-Christmas hustle and bustle.

Chief activities during the Thanksgiving observance here are special church services, family dinners, and other customary Thanksgiving features, including hunting ventures and related activities.

District schools closed shop Wednesday afternoon for a long weekend holiday. They will resume regular schedules Monday.

With the exception of service stations and some outlying businesses, majority of retail establishments are planning a traditional holiday.

Several churches plan Thanksgiving morning breakfasts and worship services.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will hold a worship service at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

Boyce Memorial ARP Church members will worship at 7:30 a.m. with Rev. Zeb Williams, interim pastor, as speaker. Breakfast will be served by men of the church at 7:30 a.m.

Men of Central United Methodist Church will serve breakfast beginning at 6 a.m. with a service of worship at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Men of First Presbyterian Church will serve breakfast from 7:30 until 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning in the church fellowship hall.

Young people of Second Baptist Church will serve Thanksgiving breakfast at 8 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Television-viewing of parades, including the 33rd annual Carolinas Carrousel Parade, will feature activities of the day for local people.

Melany Ann Clark, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Clark, Jr. of Rt. 2, will represent the city in the parade and its attendant festivities in Charlotte. As KM's Carrousel Princess, she will attend the Queen's luncheon at 11:45 a.m. today at Charlotte Civic Center, the Pageant and Coronation Dance, featuring Charlie Spivak and Orchestra, at Charlotte Civic Center tonight, and ride in the big Thanksgiving Day parade tomorrow, which begins at 2 p.m. and for which Miss America 1980, Cheryl Prewitt, will be parade marshal. All festivities are open to the public and grandstand seats for the parade are \$2.

At KMSHS, where Melany is a senior, she serves as mascot and editor of the school newspaper. She is an office aide and active in Journalism club, DECA, cheerleader, and Pep



Lib Stewart



MELANY CLARK
... Carrousel Princess

club. She stands five-feet-seven, weighs 110 pounds and is a green-eyed brunette.

Going to Grandma's house for the traditional turkey and pumpkin pie is a tradition for many Kings Mountain families.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Poets Corner

SUBTLE REMINDERS

God plants little joys along our path
To remind us of His love,
To let us know His love is undying
He sends little tokens from above.

A red bird on a clothe's line
Butterflies on colorful flowers,
Sparkling dewdrops on the roses
A rainbow shining through the showers.

The song of blue-birds from tree tops
A frisky squirrel that plays,
Sunshine on sunless days
To remind us of His caring ways.

Wild flowers that blossom by the wayside
The evergreen cedar and lofty pine,
Red berries on trees and shrubs
Are so easy to define.

VIVIAN S. BILTCLIFFE

YOUR NAME—GUARD IT WISELY

You got it from your father,
It was all he had to give,
So it's yours to use and cherish
For as long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you
It can always be replaced
But a black mark on your name, son
Can never be erased.
It was chosen the day you took it
A worthy name to hear
When he got it from his father
There was no dishonor there
So make sure you guard it wisely
After all is said and done
You'll be glad the name is spotless
When you give it to your son.

Author Unknown
Submitted by Everette Pearson

I LIKE TO TALK TO GOD

I like to talk to God in prayer
when I am all alone.
Just like talking to a friend
upon the telephone.
I can go to him in prayer
whether day or night.
And know that he will hear me
if my heart is right.
It's true that I can talk to him
when in a busy crowd.
Without disturbing others
I don't have to talk out loud.
There's always an open line
from here to Heaven's throne.
But there's no interference
when I talk to him alone.

CALVIN WRIGHT



GARY STEWART

Things I'm thankful for...

Things I'm thankful for this Thanksgiving:

That I live in a community like Kings Mountain, where people are concerned about their neighbors and always lend a helping hand. I'm particularly grateful for the response KM and area have given the Tracy Bridges fund which is helping the six-year-old cancer patient's family meet its needs during a very difficult time...

For parents who, though old in years, are also old in wisdom and continue to teach their children in their adult years. I'm learning more from them now than ever...

For coaches like Ed Guy, who reports his game results regardless of the outcome. Most coaches are hard to find when they lose.

For 27-0 victories over Shelby and for the good feeling I get by rubbing it in...

For good friends. Without them the world would be a lonely place.

For a good wife and two lovely children. I wouldn't give a dime for another one like Leigh Anne or Dee, but I wouldn't take a million dollars for 'em...

That I live in a country like the U.S. It has its problems, and we love to criticize its government. But if you don't think it's the best country on earth, leave it...

For the opportunity to "earn" a living. People who say they can't find a job aren't looking...

For times of leisure and laughter and for the joke or the one wise crack that breaks up a hectic day...

For early morning hours. I didn't realize the world was such a lovely place until I started getting up every morning at 5 o'clock and greeting the sunrise...

For good health, which is too often taken for granted...

For a Thanksgiving Day filled with football, a good meal, and a much-welcomed break from the daily work routine...a day to feel closer to your family and your God and reflect on another year of life's blessings...

LOOKING BACK

Items of news taken from the 1939 files of the Kings Mountain Herald

The congregation of the First Baptist Church voted last Sunday morning to erect a new parsonage on the King lot on Gaston Street.

Members of Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department will be guests of the local Lions Club at their regular meeting at the Mountain View House this evening at 7 o'clock.

The Mauney Mill Floral Fair and Bazaar will be held in the Mauney Mill Clubhouse Saturday evening beginning at 7 o'clock.