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## Reader Dialogue

### State leadership praised

An open letter to Kings Mountain area citizens: I commend the Senate leadership and a majority of the opponents and proponents of the Equal Rights Amendment for their decision that the issue of the Equal Rights Amendment not be discussed, debated or voted upon at any time throughout the remainder of the 1981-82 Session of the North Carolina Senate. Essentially, this move delays the possible ratification in North Carolina of the federal constitution amendment until the 1983 Session. As it stands now, the amendment's national deadline is June 30, 1982.

By electing or returning a majority of opponents of the Equal Rights Amendment to the North Carolina Senate, the voters of the State of North Carolina voted down the Equal Rights Amendment in November, 1980. The Senate leadership, and a majority of the opponents and proponents of the ERA, recognize this fact, and this decision frees the State to turn its attention to the \$12 billion budget, and the many other issues of great importance to the citizens of the State.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who communicated with me in person, on the phone, or in writing, their opinions on the Equal Rights Amendment, and I would ask their help in meeting the other challenges that will face us in the months ahead.

Jimmy Green, Lieutenant Governor  
Raleigh, N.C.

## LOOKING BACK

(From the Thurs., Mar. 17, 1956 edition of The Kings Mountain Herald)

Henry P. Neisler was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year at a meeting of the incoming board of directors Wednesday afternoon. He succeeds George Houser.

The Kings Mountain Lions Club will entertain an estimated 125 farmers Tuesday night at the club's annual Farmer's Night Banquet.

### Social and Personal

Mrs. Luther Cansler will conduct the Spiritual Life meeting Monday night at Central Methodist Church.

Beth Houser and Pene Cansler will be among local exhibitors in the art exhibit being sponsored by the Fine Arts Department of the Woman's Club this weekend.

Mrs. Paul Ware was hostess Monday to members of Circle 4 of Central Methodist Church.

### Poets Corner



#### PURE PLEASURE

Finding joy in simple things is a treasure without measure, Looking deep within a rose delighting in the pleasure.

Rejoicing in the cheerfulness the melody of birds can bring, When a day is clothed in grayness or in the gladness of spring.

The first yellow buttercup that dons a crinkle cap, A bed of pink and purple hyacinth awakened from winter's nap; A wild rose by the wayside the lily of the field, Even to our Lord held so much appeal.

Finding joy in simple things is simply pure pleasure, So richly rewarding today a treasure without measure.  
Vivian S. Biltcliffe

### What's behind it?

To the editor:  
El Salvador: What's behind it all? Political or military.

The subject covers many aspects, with the sketchy report from this source and that.

There could be a parallel between the manner in which we got involved in the Vietnam conflict.

Present circumstances are somewhat in nature. Advisers, then a gradual buildup and required military personnel from the armed forces having established a foothold. Then the action began.

Prior to our going to Vietnam condition were inflation, then recession and possible depression here in the U.S.A., business dropping, the stock market up and down, the value of the American dollar.

Big business was hurting for certain, with unemployment, etc. The present situation has the same earmarkings. Who really knows except those from within in the department of defense. With the President's speech to the nation pertaining to the communist menace, etc., one guess is as good as another.

There's one thing for sure. It doesn't sound good. Questions are being asked, is this the purpose of the President's determination for such drastic budget cuts? To not have it go before Congress for greater defense spending and appropriations in the event we should get into another conflict and become bogged down with a no win policy such as Vietnam?

Everette Pearson

## Wear the green for St. Patrick

Today's the day to "wear the green" and the day to look for a four leaf clover, symbol of good fortune and the luck of the Irish.

Rare as they are, what would Patrick have said if he had accidentally found one?

Today is St. Patrick's Day and quite a holiday in New York, Chicago, Boston and other cities with large Irish populations, as in aged Eire itself where an American soldier, the song says, met a Wild Irish Rose and wanted to turn her into an American Beauty.



Lib Stewart

St. Patrick was quite a guy, the encyclopedia folklore has it. Born in England, about 389 A.D., he grew up in a Christian home in Southern England but at the age of 16 he was captured by heathen Irish raiders who carried the lad back to their domain and kept him a slave swineherd for six years, until the young lad escaped to France (then known as Gaul) where he entered a monastery and became a monk. Subsequently he returned to England.

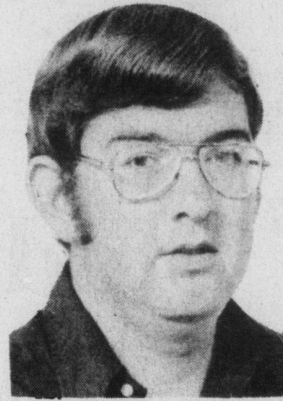
Patrick, according to folklore, is supposed to have had a dream in which a man came to him bearing a paper with the title, "The Voice of the Irish" and saying that the people of Ireland called for him to save them. Thus, the monk Patrick answered the call, but not before returning to France for 14 years of preparation and study. Then he returned to the barbaric land where he had been a slave swineherd.

The rest of the tale is more familiar. Patrick did a great work Christianizing the barbarians. He drove the snakes out of Ireland, into the sea, and establish-

ed the shamrock as the national and international emblem for all good Irish. This is supposed to have occurred through his reply to a heretic's questioning of the doctrine of the trinity. "Three in one," he is alleged to have said. True or not, no Irishman has since failed to respect St. Patrick and the shamrock symbol.

The Irish shamrock is similar to our white clover, except that the flower is yellow, rather than blue-green.

St. Patrick died on March 17, 461, nearly 15 centuries ago. Unlike our celebration of birthday anniversaries, St. Patrick's Day is the anniversary of this good man's death. There is an additional bit of folklore to the story that there was no daylight in Ireland for 12 days after his death. If it seems a bit incredible it must be remembered that Ireland lies in northern latitudes, where several countries are also famous for being lands of midnight sun, when during late summer, the days are quite long and there is no night. Conceivably, the period near the equinox six months earlier could result in total darkness.



GARY STEWART

### Boy, did we have a high last night

Jonas Bridges, the manager of WKMT Radio Station, usually is too busy to go on the air. But,

sometimes, he likes to take to the mike, just to keep in practice.

Last Friday, he decided to do the weather and came through with something like this: "We had a high last night and the low was in the 40's."

Well, one wonders what kind of high we had, and good old Jonas got a big laugh when one of his listeners told him how his weather report came out.

A radio announcer, Jonas said, has no time to think about what he's saying when reading the news or weather.

He recalled several years ago that a young radio man was preparing to do the weather one hot summer day when the temperature was in the 90's.

Jonas reached back into the files and got out a December weather report and substituted it for the current one. The young announcer took the mike, and announced that "we have 50 percent chance of snow flurries and the high will be 16 degrees."

When he got off the air and all his co-workers were busting their guts, the young man still hadn't realized what he had said.

I remember back several years ago when a close friend of mine, Lawrence Cobb, was working at WKMT.

I was riding around town one Saturday morning listening to the Cobb-A-Go-Round show, and it was raining cats and dogs. Lawrence came on to do the weather. He obviously had not looked outside since reporting to work early that morning. "We have a 10 percent chance of scattered showers in Kings Mountain today," he said.

That's about like the time Clyde McLean announced on WBTV one night that the next morning we would have partly cloudy skies in the Piedmont. The next morning, the Piedmont awoke to 12 inches of snow.

That may have been when Clyde got tagged with the nickname "Cloudy."

But, of all the slips I've ever heard on radio, the one I'll always remember as the best came from a radio preacher, who was signing off his show one day.

"This is Rev. Joe Doe (not his real name) saying, the Lord bless you and yours til 10 o'clock Monday morning."

Of course, the preacher meant he would be back on the air at 10 o'clock Monday morning. But, my immediate reaction to the statement was, "but after 10 o'clock Monday morning, the heck with you."

Oh, well. There have been many slips in newspapers that our radio friends probably got big kicks out of too. I remember one in particular years ago in the old Kings Mountain Mirror concerning a softball player that hit a home run. But we won't get in to that.

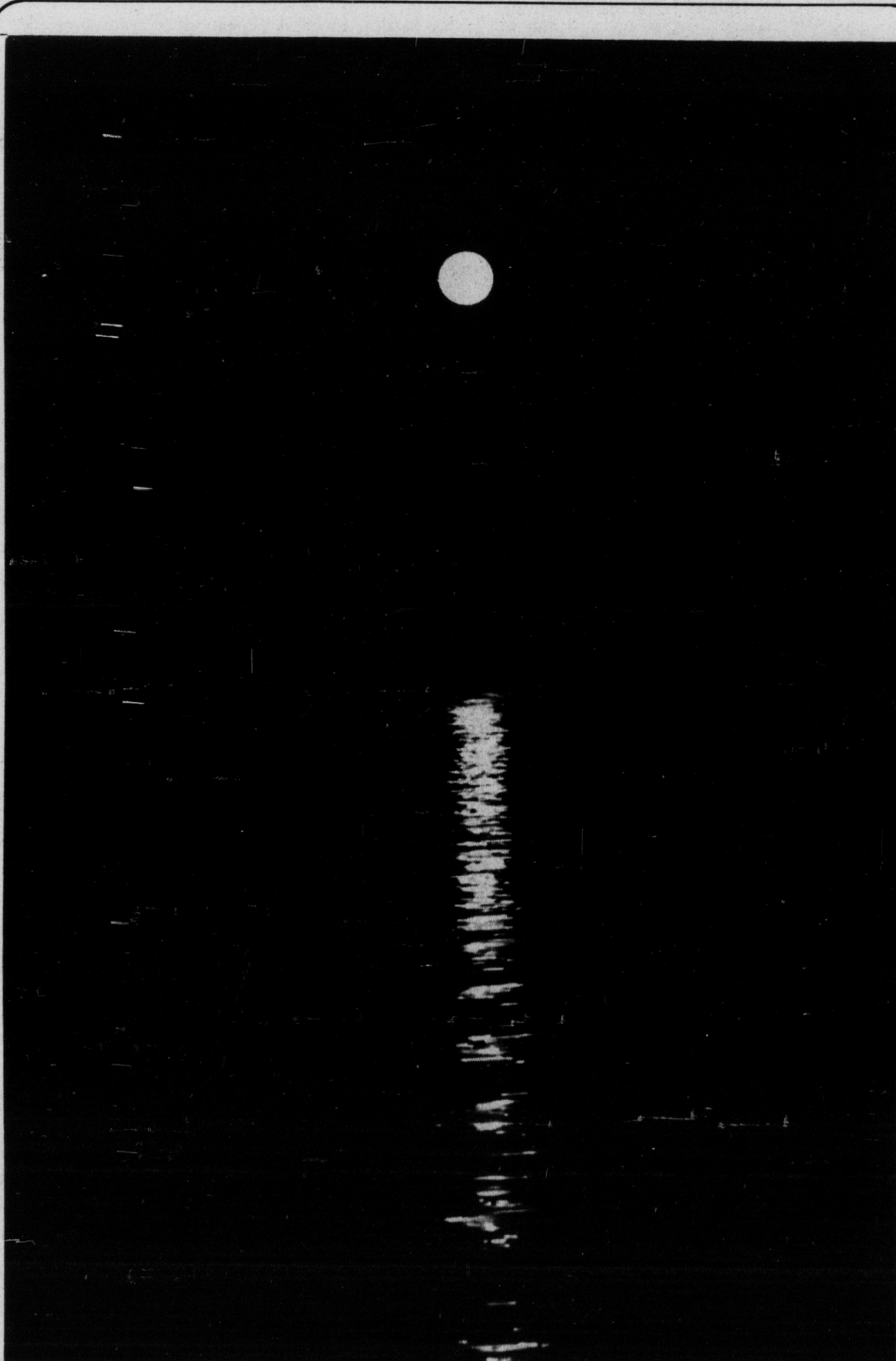


Photo by Gary Stewart

SPRING SCENE - With warmer days, Kings Mountain area residents are taking to the outdoors. Many afternoons find fishermen and

boaters at nearby Moss Lake. Boaters, the setting sun and its reflections on the waters of Moss Lake make for an interesting picture.

Something On Your Mind?  
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