

# MRS. BEATRICE MAYE'S This Week In GREENVILLE

**GREENVILLE**—Janielle Betrice Bryan, daughter of William and Mamie Maye Bryan of Omaha, Neb., and the granddaughter of Ms. Beatrice Maye, won first place in Albertson's Halloween Coloring Contest on Oct. 31 for the three- to five-year-old group. She also won third place in the K-Mart Halloween Coloring Contest on the same day. She received a pumpkin, a pumpkin flashlight and a \$5 gift certificate. Congratulations, Janielle.

Ms. Sudie Paige Staton's niece, Ms. Deborah Hall Ebron, surprised her Monday, Nov. 11, with a birthday cake at the Pitt County Council on Aging and all of her friends there enjoyed it with her. Such a nice gesture, Deborah.

Ms. Beatrice Maye read poetry to Ms. Sheila Frizzell's class at Agnes Fullilove School Thursday, Nov. 24.

**B** is for the Bible, the best book of all. If you'll obey it, you will never fall.

**I** is for Idle, so many does do They should be reading the Bible, Too.

**B** is for the Bible, again we shall say If you'll obey it, you never shall stray.

**L** is for Love, in the Bible we find We must love everybody, be gentle And kind.

**E** is for Everyone who obeys this book Will go up to Heaven on its Beauties to look.

This is a story told of an old Quaker lady who was asked the secret of her lovely complexion and the kind of cosmetics she used. She sweetly and graciously replied:

"I use for my lips: truth; for my voice I use prayer; for my eyes, pity; for my hands, charity (love); for my figure, uprightness; and for my heart, I love love."

Given to me by Ms. Gladys Evans, retirement living class, Pitt County Council on Aging.

**CREATE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDYING**

The American Federation of Teachers offers parents these suggestions for creating a household atmosphere that encourages children to learn:

1. Reserve 15 to 20 minutes a night to work with your child on homework, a challenging game or bedtime reading.
2. Create a quiet place to study, complete with a table and good lighting. No studying in bed or in front of the television.
3. Praise good work.
4. Encourage children to talk about their day at school.
5. Do your homework—paying bills, writing letters, etc.—while your children's homework is being done. Let them check yours. For instance, let them read a letter you wrote to see how you use correct grammar and spelling. By the way, always use good grammar when speaking. It also sets an example.
6. Keep a dictionary, maps, encyclopedia and almanac around as ready reference sources.
7. Limit television time and know what your children watch.

give your parents a try, youngsters. The next time you have a problem, or better yet, before a serious problem comes up, give your parents the benefit of the doubt.

1. Don't be afraid to turn to them for help, understanding and a listening ear.
2. Parents are one of your most valuable resources for getting problems sorted out. Our parents have been there, through many of the same problems you face.
3. Admit your wrongness and look to your parents for their advice. You will learn that Mom and Dad are for you, not against you. They'll always come through.
4. Don't be too proud to admit your mistake. Don't be afraid to talk to your parents.
5. Get along with your parents, thus improving your family life.
6. Remember, 16-year-olds or any age, a car is not a toy to play with on the road. Pay attention to traffic signs and signals and the rules of the road. Disobeying these rules could endanger not only your life, but also the lives of those in other cars.
7. Parents, do not ridicule your kids for making a mistake.
8. Your parents want you to take full advantage of learning.

just that way. Could "June" of N. Franklin Street, Wake Forest, and "Mack" be the same person? Anyway, those guys really know what to do with a song. Then there are the Old Liberty Male Chorus, which is made up of all Eatons except Welden Perry, who is head-readed, and he has the ability to make one remember the old times when everyone dropped everything, during the week to "go hear the boys practice quartet singing." Then there was William, Joseph, and Anthony Eaton, just three of the 12 Eaton brothers. Can you imagine 12 men in one family? In my own family there were 12 children, but six and six, male and female. They did a bang-up job singing as well.

Then there were the men from our state's capital city, Raleigh. The Golden Skylarks are really different in that they sing their introductions of each of the singers, and I just hope that I got them all. There was Buddy, Walter, Adam, Otis and Thomas. They're great, because they sang the world's favorites, such as the Lord's Prayer, and "At the Cross." They sang other songs as well, which were equally beautiful.

The occasion for the singers being there was a hurriedly pulled-together appreciation program for the pastor, Roosevelt Harris, just prior to the yearly conference of the Methodist Church, which was held in Durham, and where all ministers are divested of their charges and given new assignments.

Something came up, like the death of Ms. Celia Brown, and I did not attend, so as of this writing, I cannot tell you if our pastor of five years was returned to us or not. Please allow me just one personal remark, will you?

Wouldn't it be great if all churches had that policy? Then we wouldn't have to put up with pastors after 10 or 20 years being in one place thinking that they own the church. Ms. Maurine Perry, Anna Gill, Rhona Murray and others did a really bang-up job in getting the program together in a week's time. At the close of the morning's service I was asked to preside, and I had to rush around to get someone to read scripture. My first choice was a visitor from Bunn, Ms. Ruby Elmore, who'd come with her friend from Seaford, Del., who'd said, "Yes, I'll do it," but finally had to take leave before the program started.

Our very own, very able Lee Weaver brought the prayer and our precious pianist, Betty Brown, read scripture for us. Geraldine Blacknall presented the gifts to Pastor Harris, and overall, the program was super-great. Thanks, singers, for making it so on such a short notice, and the visitors for coming. Believe me, if I'd known beforehand I surely would have written of it in this column, so that more of you could have enjoyed it. Prepare to come for Christmas, will you?

**RHAMKATTE**—Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. with all classes reporting. The subject of the lesson was "Proclaiming the Gospel," Acts 28:21-31. Superintendent Albertine Sanders presided. The key verse was repeated by the school. Classes had a 45-minute study period. The lesson was reviewed by Rev. Otho Kearney. After the report from Secretary Stephine Moore, the school closed.

At 11 a.m., Rev. Kearney spoke from Luke 17:15 on the subject, "Did You Forget to Say Thank You?" Music was furnished by the Youth Choir, with Shaun Cannady at the piano. Morning prayer was offered by Rev. Winston with announcements by Sadie Chavis. The men were on duty for the day. They took care of the tithes. Mini-church was led by Kenneth Singletary. Altar call came from Rev. Terrell.

Rev. Kearney left the congregation with a message asking, "Did you forget to say thank you?" to Jesus Christ. We need mercy. We need to get together and say, "Thank you." I am going to run this race with patience. Have mercy on me, Lord. Thanksgiving is coming. Let us get ourselves together and thank God for it.

Invitation to Christian discipleship was followed by benediction and closing.

At 5 p.m., the Sunday School Night program was presented. Everyone reported an enjoyable evening and closing.

## RHAMKATTE

BY LUCILLE ALSTON

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bible study is held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8, Missionary Night will be observed with a candlelight service.

On Dec. 15, the Senior Missionary Banquet will be held.

Members on the sick and shut-in list are Kathleen Hemby, John Singletary, James Washington, James Hanks, Walter Rogers, Jr., Ellean D. McGregor, Nettie Calhoun, Mary Utley, Lola McClean, Hoyie Johnson, Lovie Jones, Rodney Singletary, Lucy Kendrick, Otis Hinton, Ella Fletcher, Catherine Fields, Margaret Kearney, and Robena Ashe. Let us keep praying for the sick every-

# Thinking beyond the Cold War era

By William A. Rusher

Most Americans, I suspect, don't yet realize how radically our mental processes will have to be changed as a result of the end of the Cold War. Our way of thinking about almost every public issue will require revision.

For the last 45 years — which is to say, for the adult lifetimes of virtually its whole relevant population — the United States has been engaged in a war to the death with the Soviet Union. It certainly deserved to be regarded as, and may actually come to be called, the Third World War.

It lasted so long only because neither superpower dared to launch a nuclear first strike against the other. Instead, therefore, it was waged by political and military means, supplemented by regional wars (Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan) fought, on one side or the other, by proxy.

Ultimately the United States won the underlying war, because the Soviet economic and social systems proved incapable of competing with the West in the technology of modern warfare, or even of providing an endurable life for the citizens of the Soviet Union.

For 45 years, however, there has never been such a thing as a purely civil war, anywhere in the world. If Yugoslavia had broken apart while the Cold War was still on, it is as certain as sunrise that we would have backed the Croats and Moscow the Serbs (or vice versa). Similarly, whenever a revolution broke out in some

obscure capital, the central question was necessarily, "Are we backing the government or the rebels?" — and the Soviets could be depended on to support the other side.

Even here at home, especially in the earlier stages of the Cold War when ultimate Soviet victory seemed entirely possible, those Americans (and there were quite a few) who rooted, publicly or secretly, for a Communist triumph had to be taken seriously as enemies of our mortally threatened society.

As a result of our victory in the Cold War, all of these calculations must now be revised.

For the first time in the memory of the great majority of Americans now living, we are able to contemplate and deplore the civil war in Yugoslavia without feeling obliged, on Cold War grounds, to back one side or the other. Similarly, we may have deep reservations about the ANC and Nelson Mandela, but if they manage to seize power in South Africa the damage will largely be confined to that lovely land; they will not be able to turn it over to a going communist world enterprise — as they most certainly would, if there still were such a thing.

And here at home the communists — especially those still holding tenured positions on our college and university faculties — can at last be regarded, and treated, as the essentially comical and slightly pathetic figures they are.

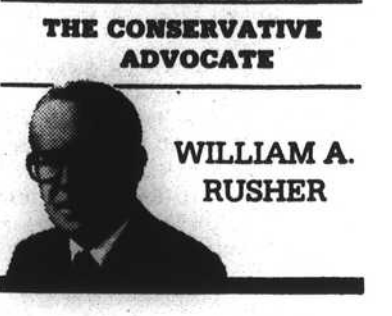
To be sure, there is still one major

communist power — China. But it does not have the ability, even if it had the inclination, to attack the United States successfully, so we can afford to wait with reasonable patience for its downfall. It is still dominated by a handful of octogenarian veterans of the Long March: first-generation communists quite capable of slaughtering their domestic opponents. When these die, however, the momentum for fundamental change will quickly become overwhelming.

History, then, has taken a major turn — but it has not ended. The United States, as the world's only superpower, cannot possibly avoid some degree of involvement in future events all over the globe. It may even be compelled, as the Gulf War demonstrated, to take the lead in military operations from time to time, if some regionally powerful strong-man threatens (say) to destabilize the world's energy economy.

But our ship of state seems to have entered calmer waters at last.

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## 90% of Hospitals Report It's a Problem —

# Hospital Overcrowding Strains Emergency Care

When you're sick you want immediate medical attention. Unfortunately, as emergency departments across the country continue to close at an alarming rate, long waiting times for care have become the norm.

Overcrowding is a growing trend in which the seriously ill and injured are being turned away or delayed care. In fact, many hospitals, because of limited resources, staff, and space are forced to temporarily close their emergency departments to all incoming patients and go on "diversion," meaning ambulance patients are sent to the next open emergency department. This not only delays the patient's treatment but in some cases also increases waiting times for others in need of pre-hospital emergency medical services, such as ambulances and helicopters.

A nationwide survey of nursing staff and managers on the problem of overcrowding in hospitals and emergency departments found that nearly 90 percent of those responding considered overcrowding to have become an issue in their state or region within the past two years.

"It's [overcrowding] not just affecting the poor, not just affecting the uninsured, it affects everyone. Whether you're hit while driving your Mercedes or you're an indigent stabbed in a knife fight, that's not going to change the fact that if a trauma center is busy or a hospital is on diversion, you'll end up playing Russian roulette trying to find a hospital that can take you," says Nigel Keep, RN, MICN, CEN (certified emergency nurse), nursing services manager at Alta District Hospital in Dinuba, California, and co-author of the survey on overcrowding.

The survey, conducted by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), shows that in a majority of states overcrowding occurs when there are no available hospital beds for patients who are ready to be admitted from the emergency department. Either a lack of funding or a nursing shortage usually is to blame for the insufficient number of hospital beds.

"I see the frustration," says Vicky Bradley, RN, MS, CEN, who in addition to her daily duties as divisional director of emergency services at the University of Kentucky's Albert B. Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, serves as president of the Emergency Nurses Association. "The front door of the emergency room is open, yet the back door is closed — we can't get patients up to their beds. Nurses feel overloaded in trying to meet so many diverse patient needs. You can't make people happy because you're being pulled five different ways," she continues.

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never are admitted to the hospital and are treated for as long as a week in the emergency department and then discharged.

"It's like 'no frills' — you just try to meet everyone's basic needs. That's not the way you want to do nursing care. I think the overcrowding problem takes a lot of the caring touch out of nursing," explains Bradley, an 11-year veteran of emergency nursing.

Because emergency nurses serve on the front lines of health care, they play a vital role in the resolution of this crisis. Last year, ENA drafted recommendations to begin resolving this problem. Their recommendations include: providing financial incentives to hospitals that offer critical and emergency care; addressing the shortage of nurses by providing incentive for students to choose nursing as a career, as well as increasing federal funding for nursing research; crafting a national plan that makes health care affordable to all Americans; and supporting education, prevention, and treatment programs to help reduce the number of injuries and illnesses associated with human neglect, abuse, and violence.

Since injuries are one of the most expensive health problems in the United States, ENA also recommends funding public protection programs, enforcement legislation, and educational programs that would help control the severity of injuries. These programs include, mandatory air bags, increased roadside sobriety checks, stricter motorcycle helmet and seat belt laws, and funding for DUI prevention programs.

Because many of the injuries seen in the emergency department involve children, ENA is offering a free brochure on child injury prevention and home safety. It offers tips on what to have in your home in case of an emergency and guidelines on what to do and what not to do when a child is injured. The brochure is available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Emergency Nurses Association, 230 East Ohio, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60611-3297.

# ECHOES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

BY ELIZABETH ARCHER

**MIRACLES AND SONGS OF PRAISE**

I want to ask you a question: Do you believe in miracles? They still happen, you know. I personally could cite you at least five or six, that have personally happened to me. In fact, each time I appear at your door, you are seeing a walking miracle. It may seem funny to you because I may look so funny, but tell me if you can how many of you would take the same route, going door to door selling papers, and if you'll think just for a second, there surely cannot be much money in it, because I drive, and you all know how costly gas is.

If God had not personally changed my thinking a long time ago, I wouldn't do it either, but He did, for which I am glad.

Now, back to the "special miracle." It happened on Aug. 5, 1990 when I'd decided to go into a new area of Franklin County in order to give that area the benefit of some news in "Life Sketches," the article that I write for the Franklin Times. Searching the church section for an area. I had never visited before, I came across a special afternoon event which was to be held at Jones Chapel Baptist Church. Getting directions from someone at Pope Chapel United Church of Christ on that Sunday, I found the church and enjoyed the rich voices of the guest choir who'd come from a D.C./Virginia-area Catholic church, as well as the local church choir. Even at that, I still had a pressing desire to find an elderly person to write of. Mind you now, that was my very first visit to that section of Franklin County, and I did not know a single person there. As it turned out, however, many people recognized who I was from the Times picture, and they gave me a hearty welcome to their area. Leaving the church, I made up my mind that I would drive around to try and find the person that I had in mind.

On 561 I took a right turn, drove for a while, looking at homes and trailers aplenty until I noticed one that had two persons seated on the front porch.

I drove into the yard, and introduced myself, and found that the two people were 100-year-old Ms. Celia Brown and the grandson that she raised, Larry Williams. I got her beautiful story, wrote it, and visited her several times thereafter, for her 101st birthday and for the last time on Nov. 6 at the Franklin Regional

Medical Center in Louisburg, where she died exactly one week later, on Nov. 13. I did not wake her to speak, because her daughter, Celia Davis, was about to leave to visit her ailing mother-in-law in another facility. Ms. Davis told me at the funeral that had she been awake she would have known me, because she remained alert throughout her relatively short stay in the hospital, a precious, precious lady indeed. She so reminded me of my own mother who died on year earlier than the time I met Precious Celia, and at the same age she was then, 100 years and eight months. It seemed to me as though God was saying, "You see, I am giving you back the mother you lost." The miraculous meeting was just that real.

Even the other week, the day after a very tiring local election, I had an urge to visit her home only to find out that she was in the hospital, and there I was able to see her alive one last time. I could give you several equally exciting events in my life, that could have only come from the hand of an ever living God. In normal living you may try as hard as you may to make things possible, but when you take on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you will have all of the "impossibilities" fulfilled.

I must tell you of the wonderful groups of singers who came to Allen AME Zion Church the other Sunday. I had all intentions of giving you full play, gentlemen, but one just never claims when "death will step in and claim our prior plans," do we? I'll tell you what. You must plan another visit, and then without a doubt, I'll do you the honor of telling everyone of your wonderful singing abilities. I have a feeling that many of you are already acquainted with the Sons of Faith of Wake Forest, as they come to you every Sunday morning over WLEF at 10:15 to 10:30 a.m., I believe it is. They are indeed great singers and I feel a special relationship to them because I visit the home of their lead singer, Leroy Stewart, every week, with THE CAROLINIAN. Paul Gill's parents live in Youngsville and his brother, Percy, in Wake Forest, and I make my weekly visit there, too. Paul is the manager of the Sons of Faith. Then there is Maurice and Earvin Singletary, and you just haven't lived until you've heard June Fowler sing "I'm Not That Way Anymore."

On a written list that I was handed I have the name of Mack Filer, written

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## TOP TEENS

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The 1991 TTA officers are: vice president, Rachelle Holmes; recording secretary, Diarra Stiff; assistant recording secretary, Pili Fleming; financial secretary, Keisha Newkirk; corresponding secretary, Tia Miles; treasurer, Terri Miles; chaplain, Jesse Brunson; parliamentarian, Sekou Kaalund; historian, Alicia Barfield, and sergeant-at-arms, Terry Young.

Newly inducted teens are Alicia Barfield, Ingrid Bostic, Wayne Brunson, Shannon Burgess, Mitchell Butler, Cheryl Chinn, Christopher Currie, Sylethia Davis, April

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# Q&A

Q. Proper insulation of your attic floor can reduce annual energy costs by how much?



A. Up to \$342.

Q. Leaving the damper open in the fireplace can increase your annual energy bill by how much?

A. By as much as \$34.00.

These energy saving tips were prepared by the experts at Texaco, a company that recently launched a multi-million dollar public information campaign designed to encourage consumers to save energy in cars and homes under the theme: "Let's Put Our Energy Into Saving It."

Farrar, Richard Johnson, Latasha Kearney, Nicholas Liles, Kristan Lovette, Corey May, Raheem Monro, Ebony Pittman, Kristyn Shorter, Kristi Tally, Kathy Walker and Ronald Young.