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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
 Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. Luke 13:24.

At least two excellent sermons were preached at Kings Mountain church Sunday. Rev. B. Dale White, returned missionary to India, spoke at the A.M.P. church in rather plain language of obvious juvenile delinquency and lowered morals as well as the problem of hate on a national scale, following the cessation of hostilities. Rev. J. G. Winkler, who preached a sermon at the Methodist church Sunday night on the Lord's Prayer, also spoke on the problem of hate in its development of "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Both sermons were in the layman's language and on laymen's subjects. Neither minister may have been accused of pulling punches. They were the kind of sermons which should be given more frequently. And, more important, the hearers should do more than allow the words to enter one's ear and pass out the other without making the necessary impression.

Postal receipts in so-called normal times are a good indication of business trends, and the continued rise of receipts at the Kings Mountain post office is indicative of business progress of the city. However, much of the extra mailing may well be attributed to letters from Kings Mountain merchants — to manufacturers seeking goods and to the OPA concerning MFR 180.

Fighting Japan

The current issue of Time Magazine prints excerpts from the diary of a Japanese hospital corpsman who was killed on Saipan. The diary was found by a naval officer and was only recently released by the Office of War Information.

The excerpts cover a period from June 25 to July 2, 1944, and certainly any American will be amazed to read the factual statements, which, as Time comments, show the strange mixture of animal courage and fatalism which motivates the enemy of the Pacific.

Death, the Jap corpsman seemed to know, was inevitable. And he accepted it, meantime recording the deaths of compatriots, in a tone of regret at losing life but with some sense of joy.

At the same time, here at home, we have the story of Captain Clyde A. Huffstetter, only two months freed from a Jap prison camp in the Philippines, who tells of Japan's low standard of living, and of the brutality of their soldiers, not only to the enemy captured but to their own men.

"The Japs don't like court martial," says Captain Huffstetter. "I know of one instance where a Jap non-com, angry at one of his own trainees, told him so hard he killed him. It was passed off as just another incident in a more or less routine day."

Then, then, are the animal-like men we must conquer. American forces are advancing, it is true, but only now are they meeting the main Japanese home army.

Though the war in Europe appears bound for an early end, the war in the Pacific is only beginning. All of us must redouble our efforts toward giving all-out support from home, whether it be buying bonds, working over-time, or just writing a letter or two to boost a soldier's morale.

The Herald echoes the comment of a Kings Mountain soldier now fighting in Germany. "They say the war's over to be over on this side, but as long as it isn't over on the other side, it isn't over."

The news that Kings Mountain high school is to field a basketball team, after considerable indecision, is good. The word is that the team will not be of the championship brand, as was the basketball team, but that is not all-important. Anyone with any competitive spirit at all likes to win, but certainly the building of a winning team requires looking to the future. A winning team cannot be built by canceling two games, then resuming play. Win, lose or draw, Kings Mountain citizens should back both the high school team and the Legion team to the limit and give these boys the encouragement which is necessary to build any kind of champion.

Martin's Medicine
 (Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and common sense to be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosing.)
 By Martin Hammon

Herald History
 It has been assumed that while the printing press and consequent aging of men is bad and it is, as is attested by thinning and graying hair, bald spots, crotch leaks, rheumatism, blurring vision and a number of other maladies peculiar to growing older. But this is not true for a newspaper. The older it gets the better, particularly if it is keeping abreast of the times to any reasonable degree.

The files of the Herald go back only to 1913, when G. G. Page was editor, and I have been warring a number of Kings Mountain people trying to find out more about the history of the Herald, for we carry on the method "Established 1899." I called Mrs. W. A. Edinger, who used to set type back in the days when it was all set by hand, Mrs. E. H. Moss and other citizens, but I could find no old copies or definite information. Finally, I wrote Leslie McClinton, former Kings Mountain citizen and self-styled "printer's devil" who worked on the paper here years ago. Mr. McClinton is now with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company in Richmond, Va., and this week's dose of medicine is largely supplied by him.

Here is Mr. McClinton's review of the history of the Herald:
 "The Kings Mountain News organized in 1899. A stock company composed of citizens of Kings Mountain the leaders being W. A. Mauney and A. E. Rudolph, who looked after the editing and the getting out of the paper — the mechanical work — was done by L. J. Turner, of Grover, a brother of Mrs. C. T. Corwell. This arrangement only lasted a few months, when J. C. Tipton, a very able writer, came to Kings Mountain and took charge of the paper, but owing to his hot temper and after a service of about two years the stock company severed their relations with him; he going to Shelby where he began the publication of the Shelby Review, of which the Daily Star, together with the Cleveland Star, is the successor. I served as a "printer's devil" during the greater part of this time, and if my memory serves me right Senator Clyde B. Hoy began his newspaper career on the Shelby Review and when Mr. Tipton left Shelby Clyde took over the Review and established the Cleveland Star, of which he made an excellent success — being recognized as one of the most able country editors in the state. The taking over and publishing the Star by Mr. Hoy was when he was a very young man, being only about 18 to 20 years of age."

"After the citizens of Kings Mountain severed their relations with Mr. Tipton they continued the paper for some time; but in the year 1922 the printing outfit and good will was sold to the citizens of Rolling Springs who moved it to that place and began the publication of 'The Rural Reformer,' a populist paper. Then for some time Kings Mountain was without a paper. Incidentally, John Ferguson and myself went to Rolling Springs and did the mechanical work on the paper for several months. This transfer occurred in the summer of 1922. After I came back from Rolling Springs the 'Rural Reformer' got the best of me, and as I had a brother in Ashmun, I dug out for a visit to him, taking the 'cub' and the 'wild cat.' While on this trip I took in quite a bit of the country west of the Mississippi river, and on my return came two or three years later, Mr. E. F. Allison had purchased the printing outfit and good will of the Rural Reformer and moved the plant back to Kings Mountain, establishing the Democrat which he published until the fall of 1929, when he sold to Paul Hanson, principal of the Kings Mountain high school and Mr. Otto E. Gould, a furniture dealer of the town. These two established 'The Herald' but they 'wildcat' it about a year and then suspended publication. The town was then without a paper for a few months when a Mr. Butler, who was running a job printing plant in the town, established 'The Democrat'; he doing this with the approval of Mr. E. F. Allison, who was always ready to help out anyone at any time. Mr. E. F. Allison handled the editorial and was editor for Mr. Butler. This was in the year 1930, the latter part. Mr. Allison took over the paper during the year 1932 and ran it for some time, it later being operated by the Kings Mountain Herald which was started about the year 1934 by J. S. McLaughlin and owned by Mr. W. A. Edinger. Mr. McLaughlin sold out to Mr. E. H. Moss, a Methodist pastor, who only ran the paper a short time. The entire plant and paper was bought by Mr. J. H. Fortin, pastor of the Kings Mountain Presbyterian

10 Years Ago
 THIS WEEK
 News of some taken from the 1935 files of the Kings Mountain Herald

J. B. Mauney, only surviving pioneer settler of Kings Mountain and one of its highly respected citizens, was honored by a number of his descendants at a birthday dinner last Saturday on the occasion of his 80th anniversary.

The C. E. Neider declamation contest was held last Friday evening. Bill Wilson, who attends Central school, won the medal. He gave "The Farmer's Home." There were 12 speakers in all. Each school sent their four best. Boys representing Central school were: Bill Wilson, Jr., F. Hord, Jr., Clarence Plank, Jr. and J. T. Phlegin; from West school Eugene Mathis, Ben Goforth, Jr., George Allen, and Barney K. Black; from East school: Ladd Hamrick, Jr., Austin Clark, Charlie Ballard and Paul Huffstetter.

R. S. Neill, of the First National bank of Kings Mountain, was elected chairman of Group 9 of the North Carolina Bankers association, at meeting of this organization in Charlotte last Thursday night.

Politics is about the quietest thing about town at this time. The Herald checked several points of political information and could not find out anything definite to announce to its readers.

PERSONALS

Mrs. P. C. Egan and Miss Winifred Fulton are attending the Missionary Conference at Central church in Concord this week. They are representing the Missionary Society of Central Methodist church, of this place.

Mrs. C. E. Neider, Mrs. M. L. Plank, Misses Pauline Neider and Sara Finer returned from Palm Harbor, Fla., last Thursday. The party visited Azalea Gardens in Florida and other places of interest en route home.

E. W. Griffin left early Sunday morning to join his family in Palm Harbor, Fla., and after a few days stay will accompany them back home.

Mrs. G. D. Hamblight, Miss Sara Hamblight and Miss Sue Hord were Charlotte visitors Saturday.

William P. Harmon Wins Silver Star

WITH THE EIGHTH (GOLDEN ARROW) INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY. — 8-Sgt. William P. Harmon of Route 2, Kings Mountain, N. C., recently was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on March 4, 1945, in the vicinity of Germany.

He is a member of the 26th Infantry in the Eighth Infantry Division which recently drove the Germans from a sector of the Hurtgen Forest in one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Landing in France on the fourth of July, the Division smashed out the Normandy beachhead, pushed down through Brittany, and helped clean up Brest and the Crozon Peninsula.

The citation accompanying the award stated in part:

"At a time when the advance of the company was being held up by enemy artillery and mortar fire supported by enemy tanks, Sgt. Harmon's squad met a Mark V tank. Securing a bazooka, Sgt. Harmon quickly worked his way around the tank and firing his bazooka scored a direct hit on the tank, forcing it to stop approaching. Sgt. Harmon's successful accomplishment of the company's mission. Entered the military service from North Carolina."

Kitchen fats are urgently needed. Place them in that fruit juice or to make can. Your butcher or merchant will give you 2 red points for every pound.

ten church, and Mr. Allison again taking charge of the editorial department. Mr. Allison was recognized as among the best of local news editors in the state, though a layman's critic, being that of a "wildcat" at the time. Mr. Fortin ran the paper for about two years, selling to Mr. Charles Egan, of Charlotte, in the year 1937, he selling out later to a man whose name escapes my memory, and the party selling to G. G. Page. From this time on you should be able to trace the history of the paper."

The Herald, then, is the successor to the News, the Reformer, the Democrat, and the Democrat, and has been operated continuously as the Herald for 45 years — which means it is much older than you are. And if anyone should have a copy of the old News, the Reformer, the Democrat or Reformer, or even a 1934 edition of the Herald, I am sure you would be glad to see it. I have found that there are a lot of copies of these old papers, including the News, the Reformer, the Democrat, the Herald, and the Herald. These are the papers that you should have if you are a collector of old papers. I have found that there are a lot of copies of these old papers, including the News, the Reformer, the Democrat, the Herald, and the Herald. These are the papers that you should have if you are a collector of old papers.

Random Notes
 by
 Mrs. A. E. Patterson

I am indebted to P. B. and Corolla Herndon for a folder giving the line-up of an Easter pageant staged at a church in a rural section near "Oakland" where the Herndon was Easter guests of Joe and Annie Lee Neider.

The script for the pageant was written by Helen M. Scudder, a resident of that section and it is staged every year at this country church, where various denominations assist in the portrayal of the Easter story. A unique and impressive feature of the program is the singing by a choir composed of 20 negro voices.

The pageant is given in four acts, Peter Dennis Christ, Gift Stone, Warrington Stone, and Peter and John Running to the Tomb. The staging of the pageant proper requires from 15 to 20 characters and the court scene has a cast of 20 characters.

Giving local color, is the fact that several former Kings Mountain people who live in that section, take part in the pageant. Mrs. O. R. Long, Jerry Long, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Allen.

The visitors from Kings Mountain who were privileged to attend the pageant this year speak in highest terms of the people of this rural section who in spite of gas shortages and other inconveniences, incident to war, are carrying on in such a wonderful way.

I've had a yearning to follow one of those licensed guides around places of interest in New York City, so the other day I succumbed to the entreaties of one of the tour managers and joined a lively, interesting group of perhaps 35 or 40 — said group made up of high school students, college students, teachers and other visitors in the city.

We were first piloted to the subway and while waiting for transportation, our guide asked that we tell where we were from. I heard one after another jerk out the words, Buffalo, N. Y., Albany, N. Y., "Up State, N. Y.," Boston, Mass., Pittsburgh, Pa., Cincinnati, Ohio, Toledo, Kan., Chicago, Ill., et cetera, then one tall, portly, past-middle-aged man who was waiting to impress his hearers, threw back his shoulders and said, "I'm from West Kentucky," in a rather loud voice. "You are, are you?" answered the guide, then added a wise crack or two. "The crowd laughed but the Kentuckian was unabashed pointed to the fine-looking uniformed man at his side and said, "This is my son, stationed here on Long Island." I didn't know exactly why they laughed at that Kentuckian, but I know they'd laugh still more when I spoke, so I decided for once in my life, to keep quiet. — Before I had time to think though, I realized that all eyes were on me and my time had come. — I tried to remember how those Yankee talk, but I surely missed it for when I said, "I'm from North Carolina, pronouncing every syllable, clearly and distinctly and with a little quick or jerk than customarily, they all laughed and I felt marked for the rest of the trip. Before we boarded the train, our guide told us some interesting things about the subway, privately owned and operated by the City of New York at a loss annually of \$47,000,000. When we emerged into daylight we found ourselves on Wall street, a street known as the most famous quarter of mile in the world, a street where fortunes are made as well as lost overnight. — Before we began a tour of this street we entered the yard of Trinity church where we were shown the graves of Capt. James Lawrence of the "don't give up the ship" tale, Robert Fulton, Alexander Hamilton and others, famous throughout the nation and the world. — Trinity church was founded in 1697 and the present edifice which has been standing for 80 years is the third to be erected on this site. — The first was burned, the second condemned as unsafe and it was in the latter that George Washington worshipped, occupying an ornate, canopyed pew. The tower of the present edifice is 285 feet high and before the day of elevators and sky-scrapers, visitors to the city climbed the steep stairways to get a view of the surrounding country. Our guide told us the last church was built at a cost of \$25,000,000 and was of the party looked stunned but as I realized that we were within a stone's throw of the State of Exchange, the Bank of Manhattan and more and more such buildings giving evidence of "high" finance the \$25,000,000 cost of Trinity church and the \$27,000,000 annual loss of the city

of New York didn't bother me. In a museum nearby, I took time to copy the following: "Received July 27th, 1776, from George Washington, the sum of 25 pounds, being in full payment of a servant sent this day said him, named Henry Young." This was properly signed and the next a receipt from a nephew of George Washington read as follows: "Received of Colonel William A. Washington, 20 shillings and two pence for making 25 pairs of negro shoes (mentioned) May 6th." I also saw a wooden log, with hole through center and was told that these logs were put together and used for the first water line in the city.

As we stood in front of the massive structure the guide pointed across the street where in a florist shop in a setting of loveliest flowers, stood a huge cross entirely covered with fresh calla lily blooms. — It was Good Friday — a bush fell over the party as they gazed at the cross and I began wondering if values had not been placed on the wrong side of the street. Later a file on the elevated took us to China Town and I wish I could dwell on our experiences in that section but space forbids. — would like to tell of our visit to the Bowery and the slum section where night's lodging is advertised as low as 25 cents — the bed nothing more than a vacant space on a springless cot or shelf. I stood on the platform of the elevated and looked down into a crowded, cheap tenement house and saw above the home-made paper flowers that adorned the window, a flag bearing feet or five stars. — The guide seeing my gaze fixed on that window, hurried to tell me that a vast sum (more millions than I can

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