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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Proverbs 21:3.

Send in the money for your Christmas seals, if you haven't already.

The Ministers of the city along with the American Bible society throughout the nation, are urging particular attention to reading of the Bible during the Christmas season. Too few people ever open the Bible, let alone read it regularly. The urgings of the ministers should be followed, for, during this Christmas season, all should become better-grounded in the principles of the Prince of Peace. Once more there is peace, and individual practice of Christ's principles is the only way peace can be preserved.

Accidents

The tragic death last week of Mrs. Doyette Taylor, young recent bride of a returned serviceman, as a result of a highway accident, reminds that the toll of traffic deaths is ever-mounting.

Again, with high-test gas back in the pumps in quantity, all too many motorists are pressing down on the accelerator and seeing how much the old bus will do.

It really isn't safe to be on the highways. Cars zoom by over hills and around curves, and, except for the danger of driving worn out autos too fast, the principal danger seems to be a pent-up recklessness.

You needn't drive any further than Gastonia or Shelby these days to see at least two or three motorists—in a hurry to get somewhere which is sure to be waiting when they arrive—take neck-risking chances.

The American people are to teach. They have to be in a wreck before they get any sense in their heads.

Under-staffed highway patrolmen are doing their best, and again the Herald states the hope that the patrol staff will soon get back to maximum strength so that the strong arm of the law might apply brakes many motorists have forgot to use.

Wasted Talents

No, the Herald isn't sermonizing exactly.

In last week's edition, it may have appeared that the Herald departed from customary news policy a little, by using the news release from the National Park Service concerning winter facilities for visitors to national parks.

However, this article, though it failed to mention the Kings Mountain National park, was—or should have been—of much local interest.

The final paragraph read: "We are hopeful that, where accommodations cannot be provided in the parks, they may be found in the hotels and private establishments nearby, with financial benefits to the communities which are neighbors to the parks."

Though we don't have the figures, undoubtedly Kings Mountain citizens would be surprised to learn just how many persons have visited the Kings Mountain park during the past six months.

At the park, there are no facilities for accommodating guests.

The same goes for the City of Kings Mountain, which has a dire need for accommodations for travelers and tourists.

Not that we improve Kings Mountain, as a community, more than the erection of a modern hotel during 1946.

Until a hotel is obtained, Kings Mountain may apply the parable of the talents to itself.

Best Gifts

Kings Mountain citizens deserve commendation. They have stepped to the front, rescued a lagging Victory Loan campaign and topped their quota in all issues, including the "E" bonds, which are vital to the

future economic welfare of the community.

Even though the quota for Kings Mountain — one-fourth Cleveland county's quota of \$325,000 — has been reached, now is a good time for Kings Mountain citizens to buy more bonds and take up some of the slack in previous bond drive "E" quotas.

A Victory Bond will make a tip-top Christmas gift, one that will increase in value as the months pass.

All sales of "E" bonds through December 31, will be included on the city's Victory Loan record.

As a tribute to the men who fought, and as a good investment for the future, buy Victory bonds throughout this month.

It's time to buy city tags. Incidentally, it's nice to see a daddy-sized tag for a change after the abbreviated war models. Made the motorist feel like he wasn't getting much for his dollar.

The speech to the Kiwanis club by a South Carolina solicitor regarding juvenile delinquency was very interesting. In calling for better supervised play facilities for children, Mr. McCleod touched on a need here. Kings Mountain's recreational facilities are still in the blue-print stage. A bit of action from the quasi-official city recreation commission should be forthcoming.

In the event some are dubious about employing a paid supervisor, it can be stated that the experience of other cities has been that a paid supervisor is the only way to administer a recreational program. Almost without exception, the experiences of those who have tried to give recreation without adequate supervision have found those experiences painful.

Congratulations to the owners of Kings Mountain's newest manufacturing enterprise, Betty Yarn Mill. The Herald wishes them well in this venture.

The best Christmas present OPA could give would be validation or another sugar stamp. But it's already been announced that we'll have to wait until January 1.

Dr. Frank Graham, in a public statement published Sunday, stated that the UNC student who drew Secretary Thad Eure's fire regretted the context of his statement, but not the indignation at the threat that University appropriations would be endangered by the attitude of UNC students. Dr. Graham, without mincing words, said that the University administration always backed the right of free thought and public airing of untrammeled views. This was to be expected, and it's the primary reason that North Carolina's state university ranks as the best in the South and among the best in the nation.

10 Years Ago

THIS WEEK
Items of news taken from the 1935 file of the Kings Mountain Herald

Railroad avenue on the south side of the railroad tracks between Mountain and Gold streets has been widened to make parking space in the crowded business section of Kings Mountain.

Beverly P. Jackson was elected councilor commander of the Kings Mountain Camp No. 15, Woodmen of the World, at a meeting of the organization held at the WOW hall Saturday night. Other officers elected were: C. P. Goforth, past councilor commander; Gordon M. Painter, advisory lieutenant; Denver O. King, banker; Onslow Sigmon, escort; Clyde Hamrick, watchman; Charles C. Burton, sentry; Grady Dixon, financial secretary; E. A. Harrill, C. P. Goforth and E. A. Biggerstaff, auditors.

Tuesday steps were taken by the boys of the Senior class of Kings Mountain high school to improve a dangerous situation resulting from shooting of firecrackers at a meeting of all high school boys held in the auditorium. Earl McGill opened the meeting with an explanation of the purpose. Then all the boys of the Senior class expressed their opinion concerning firecrackers. When the boys were asked to stand if they were willing to stop shooting firecrackers during school hours and on school grounds, every boy stood.

The All-Western Conference high school team has just been picked by conference coaches. Rhea Barber, Kings Mountain end, was the only Mountaineer chosen on the all-star squad.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomason are leaving this week for their winter home at Palm Harbor, Fla.

N. F. McGill attended a Standard Oil meeting in Washington, D. C., last week.

Miss Adelaide Allen of Gastonia was the weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Blanton and some were visitors in the Oak Grove Community Saturday.

Martin's medicine

(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)
By Martin Harmon

Letter To Santa

It's been sometime since I've penned a note to Old Nick, and I think that's a mistake, for I usually got better treatment when I did write, though I never did get that little red automobile I used to look at with longing in Sears and Roebuck catalog.

In case you didn't know it, the business of writing Santa Claus—and telling him how good you've been—is still right much in practice hereabouts and I think Santa Claus' Kings Mountain postoffice box is close to mine, for a number of letters addressed his way have accidentally been placed in the Herald depository. These letters have been sent to the proper place, so the little children who have written them needn't worry. They will reach the North Pole in plenty of time.

So here's my letter.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will forgive me, for writing a bit late, but I figured you would be busy packing your bag for folks in New York, London, Chicago, and the other big cities, and wouldn't get around to the Kings Mountain bag until about now.

I hope not, for there's a lot of stuff we need around town, which, I'm afraid, only you can supply.

Please bring Tom Fulton and Byron Keeter a lot of blue ribbons for their horses, and this goes for George Allen and Hugh Ballard too. Doc Griffin needs some more goats and hogs and cows to work with, and you might throw in a few decks of cards for Fred Plonk, Guernsey Grantham and Wiley McGinnis—so they'll have some way to pass the time until the new automobiles start coming in quantity lots—P. D. Herndon could use one or two houses to list in his rental column, and Garland Still, Kenneth Dellinger and the other jewelers would like some more-watches—incidentally, the high-tariff boys are trying to bolster U. S. watch-makers by limiting shipments of movements from Switzerland. And if they do it's likely that watches will become scarcer and scarcer.

While you're coming this way, bring Drace Peeler and his daddy some lumber, as they have been having a time finding enough to take care of folks hereabouts—and just a few kiln-dried 2 x 4's would help a lot—and Claude Hambrick and Tolly Skifford would be mighty appreciative of an extra car of coal—you might give Claude an extra telephone, as he's about to wear out the one he has now, saying, "No, that car hasn't come in yet. If you're out we'll try to scrape you up a sack."

Ted Weir, Charlie Blalock and C. J. Gault don't want much, only about a carload of lard and fat-back each—and Oscar Myers wouldn't mind 20 or so dozen white shirts, and if you can duplicate this request, you can ditto for Paul McGinnis and William Plonk—incidentally, I understand you've been asked to bring William a wife in years past, so I won't embarrass you with this request again.

Joe Neisler wants a couple of extra carpenters—and a few more members for the country club, and you might bring Billy and Carl Mauney some nylon, if you can find it.

Those are the big items and here is just a few more—Glee Bridges should be brought an airplane, but it shouldn't be any harder to handle than Eusty, his wonder horse—Frank Summers and E. S. Neill could use a couple of nice-sized 6 percent loans, and you might add a few batteries for Otis Falls, E. E. Marlowe and Sam Davis.

And here's a little gift you might send in advance—plenty of sunshine so that Clyde Bennett can finish up the building jobs he's doing for Les Hoke, Kenneth Crook, Joe Mauney and Haywood Lynch—Kenneth has to dig out brake lining from some of Red McClain's mattresses, and Joe and Haywood need a roof to put their machinery under.

To Austell Paysour and the Cash Brothers bring more and better post-war movies, and Don Blanton will join in the housewives plea: just a little more sugar.

Jim Early wants a new radio or two, and Ray Foster and Pete Panther want some of this new shoe repair stuff which you use to patch shoe holes like patching an automobile tire.

The ladies in town don't want much this year, besides the sugar, just a couple of pairs of nylon hose-socks.

I know this is a long list, Mr. Santa, but we've all been good boys and girls, and we know you'll do your best.

The Old Medicine Man
P. S. I wear size 12 socks.

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:
As my home has always been in Kings Mountain, I feel that it is my duty to make a semi-annual report to the public of my present encampment and expectations for the not too distant future, as to where and what I'll be doing in Army life.

After traveling from Normandy, France, to Pilsen, Ceech, with the Infantry in the previous conflict, we (our outfit, 97th Division) backtracked our route back to the United States for a short visit, we embarked for duty in the Pacific Theatre. While at sea, the glorious news came that Japan had collapsed. Our plans were changed, therefore instead of entering another field of conflict, we went on to Japan as part of the Occupation Forces. Our outfit was the first and only complete combat division to enter both theaters. I believe that I am the first infantryman from Kings Mountain to set foot on Japanese soil after coming from Europe. Anyway, I have yet to see any other boy from my home town over here, much less than to come from Europe. Although it's nothing to brag of, just a representation of my adventures since coming to the Army in December of 1942. That is my past adventures, now for the present and future expectations.

I am now in Yokohama, Japan, on the verge of boarding ship enroute for the states. I no longer reside in the Infantry as I feel its no longer a great necessity as it is now peace. Instead, I'm with the Engineers as one in the Regular Standing Army. I am coming home for a three-month visit before resuming duty at Fort Monroe, Va.

Most boys prefer life in other fields, but I expect to make a profession of Army life. After all, everyone has to be in uniform, for as everyone knows, the Army is the backbone of a nation.

I read each day of so many boys coming home to find difficulties in obtaining a position for security. I hope though that jobs can be found for them, so that they may enjoy the pleasures and happiness of the freedom they so richly deserve.

I regret to make this letter brief, but hope to see you soon.

Best wishes,
Paul H. Huffstickler.
Yokohama, Japan
November 30th.

HANNAH COMING HOME

Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Cpl. Edmond A. Hannah, son of Mrs. Mary Hannah of Kings Mountain, N. C., is on his way home.

Hannah is one of 1,200 high-point Marine veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the States aboard the USS KALININ BAY.

The USS KALININ BAY—one of more than 250 carriers, battleships, cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet—left Pearl Harbor, Tuesday November 27, and is scheduled to arrive in San Diego about Monday, December 3.

Passengers will go directly to the Separation Centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life.

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