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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE For the commandment is a lamp and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. Proverbs 6:23.

A Disservice No organization — nationally or locally — is stronger than its leadership, and it was with rather much disgust that thinking people read the headline of last week reporting that the national convention of the American Legion had called for a reduction in income taxes.

What the Legion was doing was nothing more than echoing the cry of its members who are injecting the tax issue into the fall political wars as political soap only.

The lawmakers must know that the nation's economy cannot flirt with danger by reducing taxes, and the Legion — or its leadership — should know it too.

With a national debt of some \$269,000,000,000 and the budget yet unbalanced, it is foolish to talk of cutting tax rates. If the slack is not taken up in good times, what will happen when the business cycle turns downward? At that future date, which is certain to come, taxes will have to be cut. If the debt is still at its present figure, then the obvious danger is necessity if the federal government's defaulting. That would mean ruination for all.

There are many who will argue for a reduction in the federal payroll, and the Herald will go along with these citizens all the way. Yet at the same time, many of these same citizens would be the first to shout with pain if their favorite agency was clipped off the books.

Regardless of who does it, the Republicans, Democrats, the Legion, or any other group, those who now press for reduction of income taxes are doing the nation a disservice. And the Herald doesn't like to pay them a bit better than the loudest complainer.

McBrayer Report The report last week on Captain John McBrayer's first year of activities as service officer of Cleveland County indicated that the former army officer has spent a busy year. It is therefore a pleasure to commend Captain McBrayer on his work and to commend the county board of commissioners in their choice for this important spot.

It would seem from the report that the major portion of veterans' information service has been channeled through this office, and that is good, for it is naturally the task of the service officer to have full information concerning veterans' affairs. Veterans are constantly needing assistance and information concerning many matters, from disability payments to life insurance, and our advice is that they go to Captain McBrayer.

The report seemed quite complete, and it is this paper's impression that the affairs of the veterans of Cleveland county are in capable hands.

Auto liability and property damage insurance has been increased since motorists discarded the "A" and "B" ration cards, and the reason is increased accidents. Insurance is a business and the premiums must pay the freight. The sad part about the whole business is that carelessness, chance-taking, and the smart-alec driving are by far the biggest causes of accidents. As remarked before, it is too bad motorists can't be as courteous under the wheels of their autos as they undoubtedly are to guests in their own homes.

Veterans who are not affiliated with the American Legion should do so, and begin taking an active part in the affairs of this organization which is the largest of all veterans groups. The annual membership campaign is now on, and many who are eligible for membership are not yet affiliated.

Mauney Gift Last week's announcement by the children and grandchildren of the late Jacob S. and Margaret Julietta Mauney that they are giving the Herald residence as a memorial library to their parents was good news for Kings Mountain.

Quite coincidentally, the 1936 edition of the Herald, which published the obituary of Mr. Mauney had another interesting headline which read: "Library for City Assured."

That was the beginning of the present city library, which, while a far cry from the library a city of this size should have, has progressed steadily in the decade that has passed.

Both the late Mr. and Mrs. Mauney were highly interested in the welfare of the community and during their lifetime spent time, money and effort in seeing that the community advanced.

That their immediate heirs have seen fit to honor them in this manner must be translated by the citizens as a noble civic gesture on the part of the heirs, as well as a deserved honor to two pioneer citizens.

The community has needed an adequate library building and this gift should provide the impetus to give the city a modern, up-to-date library which will serve all the community in a manner befitting those it memorializes.

This is National Employ the Physically Handicapped week, and it is one week that deserves attention and support in greater degree than many others. Mainly, of course, the appeal is to employers to make special effort to find employment for men who suffered disabling injuries and wounds in the armed forces.

Information is that Kings Mountain business and industrial firms have been quite cooperative in this matter, and that is good news. When a man is gainfully employed, he has a sense of pride, a sense of personal accomplishment, which nothing else can give him. It would be amiss if special effort were not made to aid these men who suffered their disabilities while saving the very enterprises that are now finding suitable jobs for them.

The fields are still white with cotton, though many fields have already been subjected to "first picking." With the great white fibre approaching 40 cents per pound it is doubtful that many farmers will be slow in marketing their crop. Encouraging is the fact that new methods of farming are in part responsible for the current bumper crop. It is greater production on less space that has made this nation great, and that applies not only to agriculture but to other fields as well.

10 Years Ago THIS WEEK Items of news taken from the 1936 files of the Kings Mountain Herald

Mayor J. E. Herndon has been notified by telegram from State office of the Works Project Administration that the project filed some months ago has been approved. The project included the new Town Hall building, new streets, sewer and water extensions. The total project amounts to about \$92,000, with 45 percent of this amount to be granted by the Federal Government and the balance to be paid by the Town of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. D. C. Mauney expects to attend a convention of Daughters of American Colonists in Durham next Wednesday, and plans to remain in Durham for the State Convention, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in session there following the other convention.

Mrs. D. C. Mauney, president of Kings Mountain Woman's club, E. W. Griffin, P. E. Finger, and Manly Morehead attended district meeting of the Federation of Women's clubs in session at the First Methodist church, Lincoln, Wednesday.

Mrs. T. P. McGill was hostess to members of the Home Arts club and a number of invited guests for the regular meeting last week.

Mrs. George F. Lattimore was a charming hostess to a number of friends, entertaining at five tables of bridge at her home on West Mountain street. Loveliest of fall flowers in artistic arrangement formed a beautiful setting for the party. Mrs. Arnold Kiser was presented prize, for high score and Mrs. Frank Summers for low.

Mrs. I. Ben Goforth entertained a number of friends on last Thursday afternoon and again on Friday at her home on West Mountain street. On Thursday afternoon Bridge was played at five tables and on Friday, three tables of bridge and two of rook were in play. On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Hayne Blackmer made high score in bridge, while on Friday afternoon, Mrs. Jim Willis scored high in bridge and Mrs. J. E. Anthony in rook.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Goforth entertained at dinner on Monday evening. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goforth, Charles Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mathis, Eugene Jr., and the Goforths.

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

Historical Stuff This piece may or may not be popular, and I'm sure it won't be in at least one spot, that one in the general vicinity of a young fellow in high school who was allowed to drop a history course after several auswers which showed he had a general disinclination and dislike for the subject.

After another lad had pointed out North America on the map, this one was asked to tell who discovered America. His answer: he (the other lad) did.

Now a situation like that is really unfortunate, for there's quite a lot of run in history, just for learning interesting data alone. Learning the facts is not the end point of the whole business, though from the course of history, one might think so.

It would seem that the prime purpose of learning history should be to avoid mistakes of the past and to circumvent those troublesome mud puddles which have caused turmoil and destruction by and between our forefathers. Obviously, this hasn't yet been accomplished, which calls perhaps for a new emphasis on the teaching of history. Admitted herewith however, is the fact that fore-fact, no matter the background of learning and experience, is never as good as hindsight is too bad.

But that history is fun (?) was certainly proved a few years back in the big argument among North Carolina school folks about which state history text would be used, Mr. Jule Warren's or Messrs. Newsome and Lefler's. As it finally worked out, Mr. Warren's text was proved badly off the beam in the matter of historical correctness.

The other has never actually proved wrong, but the stir was created because the authors had raised doubts about certain long-accepted historical facts, and had also made the double-A prime error of inferring that North Carolina had, in times past, had governors and other officials who had been elected through the dastardly means of stolen ballots and voted tombstones. The upshot of the whole disturbance was that Mr. Warren was told to correct his errors and, if I'm not in error, the Newsome-Lefler text was allowed for supplementary material.

However, this piece didn't start off to be an editorial on text-books, nor to decide such questions of the past as to the actual taking place of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, nor to discuss methods of teaching.

Mainly, it was to comment on interesting historical data which is all around us and which few citizens are aware of, much less know. Much was brought out quite well in last Saturday's centennial edition of the Gastonia Gazette, issued in commemoration of Gaston county's 100th birthday.

Almost coincidentally with this edition my folks and I made a trip we'd been planning for sometime to New Prospect Baptist church near Waco. In the aged cemetery there, my great-grandfather and great-grandmother are buried and I had long wanted to see the place. In spite of not having been there for 50 years, my father proved a good navigator and never made a bobble.

The stone on my great-grandfather's grave read: "John Harmon, died May 4, 1876. Age 68 years, 4 months, 18 days," which means he was born (if I haven't forgot how to subtract dates) on January 18, 1808, which is hardly recent. His wife, Jane G. Harmon, was less than a month older when she died March 28, 1879, age 68 years, 5 months, 1 day.

A relatively new monument in this cemetery (erected in 1937) marks the resting spot of Teeter Beam, born in 1732, (same year as George Washington?) who came to the United States from Hamburg, Germany, where his name was spelled Baum. Old Teeter, who was un-

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Mrs. Helen Hay left last week for a visit to relatives in South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Grady King were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. King of Lancaster, S. C. Sunday. Miss Musette Jenkins and Mrs. Daisy Oment accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Payser, of Bessemer City, visited an aged uncle near Winston, S. C. Sunday.

Miss Sara Kate Ormond was a guest of friends in Lexington for the week end. In company with these friends, Miss Ormond took in the Tennessee-Carolina game at Chapel Hill Saturday afternoon and the

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Letter To Editor Best Wishes: The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Hospital Savings Association of North Carolina join with me in extending best wishes to you, your organization and profession throughout this week, set aside to pay tribute to the press of America and to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the State press is making toward the growth and development of North Carolina.

The theme "Public Service" for your 1946 National Newspaper Week makes us closely allied as our Association looks to the better health of all the people of North Carolina, which we, too, are attempting to accomplish through a public service program.

As a non-profit organization sponsored by The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina and the North Carolina Hospital Association, the Chapel Hill BLUE CROSS is making every effort to join with the press and other professions to better serve North Carolina. Sincerely yours, E. B. Crawford, Executive Vice President.

Letter To Editor Dear Sir: On behalf of the Tuberculosis Association and myself, I want to express appreciation to you and your staff for the fine cooperation given to the Cleveland County X-Ray Survey. Without the support and publicity given through the Herald the campaign would not have been the success that it was. My sincere thanks to each and everyone of you.

Very truly, Mrs. Mary G. Stallings Executive Secretary.

Smith Graduates From Army School The office of General E. L. Ford, Theater Chief of Ordnance, announced the graduation of Pvt. Clyde H. Smith from the Carburition and Ignition course at Heidenheim Ordnance Technical Training Center, Heidenheim, Germany, on August 28. Smith, a textile operator with Mar grace Mills, Kings Mountain, before entering the Army a year ago, he is now an automotive mechanic with C Troop, 13th Constabulary Sqdn, APO 179.

His father, Mr. William F. Smith lives at Margraee Mill, Route 2, Kings Mountain, N. C.

doubtedly the forebear of all these many Cleveland county Beams, was the father of 15 children by two marriages, which is a good indication that the Beam family got a good start.

Sam Suber, the cemetery man, says that a full afternoon's enjoyment can be had at any old cemetery in the neighborhood. His instructions are to get a pair of leggings to take care of the briars, some rags and a large box of talcum powder (to read the inscriptions) and set forth. One of these days I want to round up these accessories and visit the "Old Pisgah" cemetery. Incidentally, Pisgah church, founded in 1796, will observe its sesqui-centennial soon.

History is right interesting stuff, anyway you look at it, and right around here we have an immense amount of material. I rather imagine that, if enough digging back were done, the high school would be able to offer a full semester's course on the Battle of Kings Mountain alone.

DEAR FRIENDS I am a candidate in No. 4 Township for Constable. Your vote and influence will be greatly appreciated, and if elected, everyone will be treated with due respect. I promise to uphold the law in everyway possible. Thanking you in advance for your support and vote. ERVIN ELLISON

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