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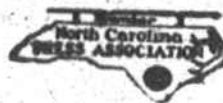
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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge; but the heart of the foolish doeth not so. Proverbs 15:7.

### State Bonds

Registrars spent a dull day here last Saturday, on the first day of the opening of the books for the June 4th state bond election. There were a few transfers and a few additions to the books.

Actually, with a general election just over, there won't be too many names to add to the books, as most people are already registered and already eligible to vote.

The questions to be answered by voters all over the state are: (1) shall North Carolina borrow \$200,000,000 for rural road - building and add one cent per gallon to the gasoline tax? and (2) shall North Carolina borrow \$25,000,000 to add in constructing school buildings?

The principal bone of contention in the road-building bond proposals is: can the North Carolina highway commission spend profitably in the course of four years the regular amounts for road-building plus the \$200 million? The inference is that there would be so much construction that the state wouldn't get full dollar value for its money.

The school building bonds have best chance of passage because (1) schools will still be in session and the pupils will make their parents school-building conscious, (2) people are generally aware of the space problems now facing the schools, and (3) the amount of \$25 million is not quite as shocking as the \$200 million for roads.

Governor Scott, the proven excellent campaigner, is going to do his best to get the rural road bond money. Already organized is a bi-partisan corporation to do the job of rallying the voters to vote favorably on the road proposition. None can deny the need for improved rural roads, and if Governor Scott can rally his constituents with any degree of success comparable to the second primary of 1948 his program will be voted.

At any rate, the citizens should prepare to vote on this matter.

Out congratulations to Joel Smith, daughter of Mrs. Corris Mace, and to William Hovis, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hovis, who, respectively, were declared winners of the Baker reading contest and Neisler Declaration-contest last week.

Spring has finally hit in full force, which means the farmers are putting in long days getting their crops planted. If there is one group which works hard for what they earn, it is the farmers.

The spotlight at the corner of East Gold and Battleground should prove beneficial in slowing through traffic. It also gives East Gold street traffic a break to enter the highway, and helps those entering the highway from West Gold.

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

J. B. Thomasson, councilman from Ward 2, was unanimously elected Mayor of Kings Mountain by the Town Council in the first meeting of the new board Thursday morning.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A most delightful meeting of the Daughters of American Revolution was held at the home of Mrs. Joe Thomson on last Wednesday after-

noon. Honoring her daughter, Dolores, on her fourth birthday anniversary Mrs. Hubert Davidson entertained members of the nursery department of the First Presbyterian church and other invited guests Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Hayne Blackmer was hostess to her bridge club on Tuesday afternoon.

Kings Mountain proved its liberality again last week, when its citizens donated 83 pints of blood to the area blood bank. Kings Mountain's cooperation in this Red Cross blood bank program means that any citizen needing blood, no matter where, can get it without cost and without being required to replace it. All that is necessary, in the event of some question about the matter, is to have the doctor contact local Red Cross headquarters or Harold Hunnicutt, chairman of this chapter's blood program. Which reminds that Mr. Hunnicutt, the large number of volunteer workers, and those who gave their blood, reserve congratulations. Kings Mountain's per capita gifts of blood are much better than those of many other cities.

A minimum of \$500 is needed to finance this summer's Legion Junior Baseball program. This is a good investment. The 1949 season will mark the fourth consecutive one in which Kings Mountain has had a Legion team. Each one has shown improvement over the one of the previous year, demonstrating the advantages of a continuous program. Continuity will be required if Kings Mountain is to get in the top rungs of Legion competition. Your check should be posted to Athletic Officer William Plonk at once.

The Ford Motor Company strike is one of the first major ones this year, and, though Fords are going like hot cakes, is somewhat surprising in view of the general trend in car sales. Though sales are brisk, the black market has been virtually eliminated. Perhaps the CIO feels this is their last big chance for immediate improvements in their contracts. On this matter, labor was not too smart, for the Ford strike will not aid labor in its battle to repeal the Taft-Hartley act.

It was long and costly but the airlift has won out in the cold war between Russia and the Western Powers, at least on paper. The attitude of the Secretary of State in pointing out that this nation will not in any way relax their one-eye-askance attitude when dealing with the Russians is quite necessary. A general improvement of the situation would be the best news the world has known since V-J Day.

One of the most active organizations in the city at the moment is the Girl Scouts. This means that the leaders of this group are giving freely of their time and energy. The efforts of this group will be highly beneficial in developing good future citizens.

A best bow to the winners in Tuesday's city election.

Items of news taken from the 1939 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

## martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

### Time Speedier

Whether or not it's the new model clocks, or what many people are agreeing these days that 24 hours aren't really 24 hours anymore. It's been the subject of several conversations I've been in the middle of lately, but none has been able to suggest a remedy. Of course, the Yankees try to beat it with Daylight Saving Time, but the results have been questionable. Whether it's the fact of Yankee origination, or some other factor, the Daylight Saving Time business has never been too popular in the Southland.

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During the war, when DST was an enforced proposition, some of its backers thought the summers of the future would find the good Southerners swapping an hour of sleep in the spring and paying it back in the fall (that's the way you switch clocks for it) but they haven't.

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Actually, the trouble with the time situation is not the clocks, but a matter of relativity.

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Everything, from transportation to communications to production machinery to this and that has been improved, i. e., speeded, so much that man has been caught in the flux. The only trouble is: he's kinda pegged. You can't speed the human body for any length of time. When you borrow from yourself physically, you always have to pay back. Of course, there are some who deny this and persist in over-working, over-playing and sleeping too little. This is known in polite cafe society as "burning the candle at both ends." When this candle burning continues for too long a time, the fire meets in the middle and poof! The Herald has another obituary. Cause: heart ailment, or something along that line.

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Of course, Kings Mountain is a busy town. There's any number of people who could start a modest savings account at the bank or building and loan if they could convert the host of valid and expired membership cards in their wallets to cash. The reason for this, too, is competition. He was discussing schools, but B. N. Earnes hit the nail on the head when he said, "Kings Mountain, with some 7,500 people wants to be as good as Charlotte with 120,000 people." This means that our city has to have as many organizations and facilities as the larger towns, with the result that membership is co-terminal. It's hard for a local citizen to concentrate his activities on one particular group. Since almost everyone is by basic nature "social" (again in polite cafe society a "joiner"), he takes the easiest course and because a dues-paying, knife-wielding member.

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My new neighbor Hill Carpenter was talking the other day about wanting a place in the wide open spaces with plenty of shade trees and moving-around-room around. His father-in-law has such a place, he said, except that he doesn't get a chance to use the shade much. Too busy. That's the way it goes, if a man is to keep on the pace and not get left behind like Olympia in the Kentucky Derby.

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In the old days, the church was the main gathering place, and people otherwise stayed at home nights, unless it was school commencement or Chataqua seasons.

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I suppose there's nothing one can do about it, what with airplanes going faster than sound and with automobiles getting up to two miles a minute. Because machines can do it, people are supposed to join in the trend.

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From a personal standpoint, the ensuing weeks should be a little better. Local political season is over, and the pace should be slowed somewhat in the medicinal department. I don't play golf, don't fish, or have any other major hobby that I know of, and have suddenly come to the conclusion that talking politics is mine, after all. Along with the candidates, I'm glad it's over for a season.

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Odd notes: It is now May which means that it's time to shed the old felt hat and pick up a new straw. Some cities set an official Straw Hat Day, but any man knows when that day arrives, for the top of his head starts feeling closed in. It's also time, too, for the Merchants Association to come forth with its annual resolution demanding short-sleeved, open-neck sport shirts socially correct wearing apparel.

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Which reminds that my stock is slim... wonder if the local haberdashers have any lavender or pinks in their shelves... I better speed down and see what I can find.

## Governor Praises Rural Homemakers

North Carolina's 59,835 home demonstration club members were congratulated this week by Governor Scott upon the "remarkable development" they have brought about in the rural life of the State "through improved home and community living."

Greeting the club women as they began their observance of National Home Demonstration Week, May 1-7, Governor Scott said: "In your theme, 'Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World,' you have sounded a ringing challenge, because upon the home rests the primary responsibility for developing the citizens of tomorrow."

Scott's statement follows: "To the 59,835 Home Demonstration Club Members in North Carolina:

"It is a privilege to greet you as you observe National Home Demonstration Week, May 1-7. In your theme, 'Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World' you have sounded a ringing challenge, because upon the home rests the primary responsibility for developing the citizens of tomorrow."

"As Home Demonstration Club Members, you have already brought about a remarkable development in the rural life of our State through improved home and community living."

"During this week you will not only participate in programs calling attention to the progress made in family living, but you will discuss problems facing today's homes. Some of these problems are in the fields of health, housing, nutrition; others will concern the community such as roads, telephones, education, electrification. The solution of these problems requires concerted action. "I am sure the observance of National Home Demonstration Week will prove of great value in carrying out your program for better living and a greater North Carolina."

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## Boys State Dates Set June 12-19

RALEIGH — The American Legion's ninth Annual Tar Heel Boy's State will be held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, June 12-19, it was announced today by William W. Staton, of Sanford, committee chairman.

"Boy's State is a chance to study government — world, national, state and local" — Chairman Staton said. "It is by no means a vacation, but is a week of hard, intensive and interesting study."

To attend these programs, outstanding rising high school seniors, selected from all over North Carolina, are sent to the University's Institute of Government to hear lectures and discussions by public officials, faculty members and leading

Legionnaires. They organize their own cities, counties and State and elect their own officials.

Boys attending Boys' State may be sponsored by individuals as well as organizations: Auxiliary Units, Parent-Teacher Association, service organizations, civic clubs, fraternal orders and schools sponsor attendance of boys in addition to those sponsored by Legion Posts.

However, all such sponsorships and contacts must be handled through American Legion Posts.

Two outstanding delegates to the Tar Heel Boy's State will be chosen to attend the National Boys' Forum at Washington, D. C., with all expenses paid.

Joe Hedden, Kings Mountain school teacher, is chairman for Boy's State for Post 155, local Legion Post and several organizations are planning to sponsor boys from this area.

Buoys which support the Navy's anti-submarine nets weigh 675 pounds.

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