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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Psalm 105:8.

Engineer Peck

The people in the counties comprising the State Highway Department's Ninth division who know him are well aware of the fact that the recent shuffling of personnel, which will bring Lewis B. Peck, of Albemarle, to Shelby as chief highway engineer of the division is no cause for wailing and gnashing of teeth, regardless of their feelings concerning Hugh Noel, who will go to Greensboro as chief of the Fifth division.

Mr. Peck, a family man and top-grade citizen, has done an excellent job in the Seventh division. He is a man of keen good humor, patience, kindness and ability, attributes which are highly important to a man who fills such a difficult post.

Noting the highway department change, the Stanly News and Press at Albemarle editorialized:

"The announcement that L. B. Peck, division engineer for the highway department, is to be transferred to Shelby is not good news to Albemarle and Stanly county people who have a high regard for this man....

When we say that the city and county regret to lose Mr. Peck and his family, we are expressing the sentiment in mild words...."

A cordial welcome to Lewis Peck and our best wishes to Mr. Noel.

Much hullabaloo is being heard from the disputants on the matter of federal aid to education, the "pro" group saying that giving federal money will not mean any federal control and the "anti" group disputing it hotly. The Herald's vote would have to go with those who feel that the government's moving into the field of public secondary education means, perhaps slow, but sure, federal control. It's an old maxim that he who pays the fiddler gets to call the tune, and the federal education business will be no different, no matter how many protective clauses go into the bill. Past history will indicate that—in the matter of the state school system, the state road set-up, the federal road set-up, and more and more.

Another fatal auto accident has added to the death toll on the eight-mile stretch between Kings Mountain and Gastonia. While Governor Scott has been emphasizing the need for rural roads, it would not be amiss for the State Highway Department to give priority attention to this short stretch of Highway 29 and 74, which is truly a death trap. The amount of traffic carried on this road indicates need for a four-lane highway, preferably a boulevard type. The latter would have meant that the two people who died last Saturday would still be alive.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The highlight of the Lions Ladies Night program was the presentation of the citizenship cup to Mr. Paul E. Hendricks, director of the Kings Mountain School Band by Mr. C. F. Thomasson.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. John Phil Wilson, nee Miss Nancy Hord, was the inspiration of a lovely party at which Miss Sara Hambricht was hostess on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gault, Jr., and Miss Nellie Gault left Sunday for

Hospital Assured

Approval of plans for a 24-bed hospital at Kings Mountain by the state's Medical Care Commission is virtual assurance that the Kings Mountain hospital is going to become a reality in the near future.

It is good news to the people of Number 4 Township who long have been looking forward to this community improvement, in fact ever since the reading of the will of the late Miss Lottie Goforth, who bequeathed her property for such a purpose.

Much wear and tear, so to speak, on the community's doctors, the patients and their families will be saved, and, as has been remarked before, much credit is due the Number 4 Township representatives on the board of hospital trustees, both past and present, for their interest in seeing the dream of a Kings Mountain hospital become a reality.

It is hoped that contracts can be let soon and this important structure be started.

Our congratulations to L. L. Benson, who has been elected chairman of the Kings Mountain Chapter, American Red Cross, and to John L. McGill, whom Mr. Benson will succeed on July 1. Mr. McGill has been chairman for the past two years and has given it much time, interest, and hard work. Our guess is that Mr. Benson will handle the job in the same diligent manner.

Congratulations are in order to the Kings Mountain school students who were awarded medals and honors for the school year, and to the senior class which must have set some kind of record in scholastics. Of the 54 graduates this year, 24 received diplomas bearing honor seals. That is in excess of 44 percent of the class. This class also took the Inter-class contest Plaque for the fourth consecutive year, which further stamps its members as outstanding.

A best bow to John Rudisill, new president of the Bethware Progressive Club, and the other new officers. Already this young club has made an active record of service to its community and the Herald finds it easy to predict a continuing good record of service.

Wood Grayson should make a good man on the Cleveland County selective service board. However, it is the Herald's hope that the international situation will ease to the point that Mr. Grayson will find the appointment has little work attached. Our guess is that he hopes so, too.

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

a stay of ten days in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Plonk of Concord spent the weekend with relatives in Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler, Paul, Jr., and Miss Pauline Neisler, are in New York for this week.

Mr. O. W. Myers returned Monday night from Knoxville, Tenn., where he went on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keeler and two daughters left Sunday for a two weeks trip to New York City. While there they will visit the world's Fair.

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

Exploring

Just about everybody gets the exploration bug occasionally, and more so in the spring and summer, but few people do much about it. I fall in that latter class. Thus, I am indebted to Howard Jackson for an interesting exploratory tour on last Saturday afternoon and for this column. (While Debt No. 1 is considerable I can never forget Debt No. 2).

While ours hardly compared to the wagon train expeditions of the 1849 Gold Rush, in either territory covered, hardships, or distance, we did take some roads which made Howard's veteran Chevy ride like a covered wagon.

The trip started quite innocently. Jackson dropped in after lunch to talk about football ticket orders. Since North Carolina football teams have advanced to the major leagues, getting tickets now works like politics. If you don't start early, you get left at the post. But the football business ran a-foul of an unwitting promise Mr. Jackson had made the madame some weeks ago about looking over materials for traps. When the lady of the house mentioned the matter, Howard gave a gasp and evidently decided he might as well get the job done. In a few minutes we were Margrace-bound.

First detour came when Howard decided the wife should see the "Big Hole" at Superior Stone company, which is truly an amazing thing in itself. Standing on the upper edge, the big pan at the far side looked infinitesimally small, and the men working near it looked like midgets. It is really a huge operation and one which has already proved of considerable importance to Kings Mountain. With Cleveland County having \$2.75 millions available for rural roads, it will prove more important. Since freight is one of the biggest costs of stone, the fact that Cleveland has a close source of supply should mean that this county will get more roads per dollar than some counties not as fortunately located with respect to this important ingredient in roads.

After this detour, we reached the Margrace and toured the Patricia plant, where a multitude of beautiful fabrics—destined to brighten furniture in homes throughout the land—were on the looms. It was the first time I had ever been in the plant when the mill wasn't in operation, and I could ask questions (and hear the answers) to my heart's content. Several of the machines in the finishing plant looked so much like newspaper presses, I was about to ask if Neisler wouldn't contract the printing job on the weekly edition.

The lady of the house had the usual hard time choosing between the multitude of materials, and Howard probably had to show more samples than he does the average jobber who buys in 10,000-yard lots. Eventually the decisions were made, and Howard, with his best bow, graciously remarked, "I express to you, ma'am, the deep appreciation of Neisler Mills for this order. It will probably run one loom all of 10 minutes."

The trip to Neisler, as it and visits to all other textile plants do, reminds me of a suggestion made by Skipper Coffin, head of the University's journalism department, on the day I was to graduate. Talking about jobs, Skipper nearly knocked me off my feet by telling me the best thing I could do for a couple of years would be to get a job—any job—in a textile plant. "You're probably going to live in some community where textiles are the cog in the wheel," he remarked. "It would be a big advantage to have some knowledge of textiles, from the ground up. Learn first. Write later." He was very, very right.

On leaving the mill, Howard decided we should see another "hole." This one is as yet nothing to compare with Superior's, but it's growing, and probably will. This is the mica mine on the old Carroll place (I think), and located by Ben Patterson to the mining outfit. It is to the south of the Cherryville road. Jackson said he was riding along one day, noticed a "road which wasn't supposed to be there," and just followed it. It led to the mica mine. This is another huge operation, from the indications of the heavy equipment, including diesel motors, bull-dozers, pans and other big stuff on the premises, Howard, who is one of the few ex-Kings Mountain Boy Scouts to get a merit badge in mining, explained that the by-product of mica mining is quicksand. Already a huge pile of the stuff is backed up to form a beach on the artificial lake. Since quicksand is almost sure death to

the man or anything which gets caught in its clutches, the law requires that the stuff be caught. Also in the vicinity are large deposits of natural clay.

It was one of the most interesting afternoons I've spent in years and only goes to show you never know what's under your nose.

Poor Howard had a bad afternoon, though, for no progress was made on the football matters. It's possible we'll be invading somebody's television room, come fall.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust given by Russell Smith and wife, to the undersigned as trustee for D. C. Mauney, dated 1st day of April, 1948, now on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in book 335 at page 242 and default having been made in the indebtedness therein secured and at the request of D. C. Mauney, I will sell for cash at the courthouse door in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, on Monday, July 18, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., or within legal hours, the following described real estate:

One house and lot on York Road in the Town of Kings Mountain known as the Arthur Bennett home and BEGINNING at an iron stake on the road leading from Kings Mountain to York, South Carolina, and runs thence N. 2 1-4 E. 132 feet to a stake, the old Dewelle line S. 85 1-2 W. 270 feet, more or less to a stake; thence S. 2 1-4 W. 132 feet to a stake; thence N. 80 1-2 E. 270 feet, more or less to the BEGINNING, being a part of the lot conveyed by W. K. Mauney and wife, to Russell Smith and wife, by deed as will appear on record.

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B. S. Neill, Trustee.
J. R. Davis, Attorney. June 17-49

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