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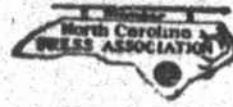
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. St. Mark 14:38.

A Hard Job

Wayne Ware and Tom Cornwell, who have been named by Highway Commissioner Joe Graham as an advisory roads commission for Cleveland County's \$2,766,000 rural road building program, have a hard job and our guess is that they recognize it as such.

It is plain human nature for most folks to think the road going by their house is the road that should be paved, even though they recognize the fact that there is insufficient money to pave all the county roads.

As the Herald understands it, it will be the duty of this advisory group to recommend to Commissioner Graham the roads to be hard-surfaced or otherwise improved, though, of course, he will have final say-so on the roads selected.

Kings Mountain's representative, Mr. Ware, is fortunate in one particular respect in that he already lives on a paved road and there can be no accusations concerning his "putting a road by his house."

Mr. Ware was active in the campaign which sent Governor Scott on the way to the Governor's mansion, and was a leader in the successful road bond campaign which Cleveland County supported by a majority of two to one.

Both Mr. Ware and Mr. Cornwell have a reputation for fair-mindedness which will stand them in good stead in the capacities to which they have been appointed.

Decision of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs to jointly sponsor this year's horse show should prove a good one. It assures continuance of an interesting annual event, and possibility of its being presented in the future in more or less proximity to the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain may be the beginning of an annual event which will lead, some day, to a large annual celebration. The Battle of Kings Mountain is an asset which the community has largely ignored. The membership of the joint planning committee virtually assures another successful Kings Mountain Horse Show.

A best bow to Craftspun Yarns, Inc., for this plant's safety record for 1948. Industry is now much more conscious of safety problems than ever before, with a growing realization that loss-time accidents in many instances be prevented. It breeds happier employer-employee relations and saves money for all concerned. Had the management of the plant been more safety-conscious, it is possible John L. Lewis would not have had the rallying cry which has made him a dictator in the mine-labor field.

Our congratulations to Cline Barber, who has been elected commander of the local VFW post.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

W. K. Mauney, Jr., following in the footsteps of his pioneering grandfather, and his manufacturing father, making his dual cross-bearer, announced to the Herald reporter, with obvious pride, that his hosiery plant turned out the first dozen of socks ever made in Kings Mountain last week.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. Harold Crawford was hostess to member of the Home Arts Club

Governor Ehringhaus

Though he had not been in the best of health in recent years, the death of former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus came as something of a shock to the people of North Carolina.

While North Carolinians may not remember Governor Ehringhaus as one of the state's most popular governors, they should remember him as one of its best administrators, a man of force and action and nerve, who assumed office in the critical depression year of 1933.

Governor Ehringhaus found the schools in North Carolina in danger of closing, and supported the sales tax as the lesser of the two evils. He found a nearly-bankrupt state, but closed out his administration with a surplus.

After leaving the Governor's mansion, he chose to re-enter private practice, rather than to pursue a career in politics.

North Carolina is in the debt of J. C. B. Ehringhaus, for four years of excellent service.

Power Troubles

Power difficulties in the business area have been reported intermittently for the past several years. One Christmas season not too long ago, overloaded transformers blew to plunge the business area in darkness. More recently there was some question as to whether the transformers would "take" the Christmas lights, and last week several firms reported insufficient power to handle their new electrical additions.

The city electrical department was busy over the weekend completing installation of a new and larger power line from the Duke sub-station, and the city hopes this will alleviate the immediate situation.

However, it points to a need for a well-planned and complete renovation of the electrical system. The danger signs having already been in evidence, it is possible the city might soon find itself in the position of Shelby last year, which had to re-vamp, at one fell swoop, its power distribution system. It took a lot of nerve, but the Shelby governing body more than doubled the tax rate to defray the costs, on a pay-as-you-go basis.

An earlier start on solving the problem here might preclude such drastic action.

At any rate, the city should not be reluctant in digging into the matter, for the profits from the city's power distribution system are considerable. When the city cannot provide proper service, it is dealing unfairly with its power customers.

A best bow to Hilton Ruth, who has been appointed manager of Zone 7, District 31-A, of the Lions club organization. This recognition could not have come to a man more civic-conscious than Mr. Ruth, for he has long been identified with the civic and service work of the community.

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

and invited guests last Wednesday afternoon.
Mrs. E. B. Ellerbe and Mrs. W. T. Weir were hostesses at a tea at the home of the latter on last Friday afternoon complimenting Mrs. Luther Cansler, who before her marriage in June was Miss Marion Elizabeth Murphy of Kings Mountain, and Richmond, Va.
Miss Octavia Crawford has returned from a three-weeks stay in New York City.

martin's medicine

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

Ten Years Ago

No, this piece isn't in the wrong place. The regular 10-Years Ago department appears in its regular place at the bottom corner, left side of this page. The medicinal column is merely stealing a title and an idea.

Today's subject has been on the medicinal drawing board for some several months, if not years, and was figured to be a good one, for who doesn't enjoy looking back into bygone days? I have come to the conclusion that the reason most folk enjoy reminiscing as much as they do is because they remember the pleasant happenings and have a tendency to forget the unpleasant ones, and this is as it should be. People have a tendency to look into the future with optimism, too. Both are happy circumstances. Not-too-careful reading of the daily newspapers will rather well prove that those who brood over the past and see only dark clouds in the future are those who wind up jumping out of hotel windows, shooting themselves with pistols and shotguns, or otherwise joining the ranks of suicides.

One of the functions of the 10-Years Ago department is to help out this pleasant reminiscing. The rule of this department is to obtain only pleasant items from the past. For instance, little of the news comes from the court dockets of 10 years ago, and there is special effort to avoid mention of social affairs (mainly weddings) which have, in the ensuing time, had unpleasant endings. The editor of that department also tries to avoid mention of persons who have died during the intervening time. Of course, there have been occasional busts, but they have been at a minimum (we hope).

To tell the truth, we'd like to run a column of 15 or 20 years prior too, but unfortunately there's a skip in the files from 1925 through 1934, which made the 10 years ago column a physical necessity.

I suppose I am far enough down the page by now to confess to the localized impetus for today's piece, last week's decade-ago notes crashed by the medicine man by virtue of a weekend visit at home from duties as co-editor of the Blowing Rocket, a summer weekly printed at Blowing Rock.

It was a most interesting and experienced-filled summer and much has gone by the boards since that time. As the Lucky Strike hit parade, now doing a Sunday night reminiscing series, might report, "It was 1939... Europe was seething with Hitler's armies doing a lot of sabre-rattling and heel-clicking... H. V. Kaltenborn was must-listening on the radio to keep up with European developments and Roosevelt was in his second term... But America, for the most part, was happy, with business on the upturn... still retail merchants were offering sheer summer dresses on sale at 75 cents, and a three-pound can of Spay would cost you 57 cents... one of the leading song hits that America was singing was "Wishing".

My co-partner at Blowing Rock was an unusual personality, ten years my senior, named George Laycock, who had already been a district manager for Buick, taken one trip to England and Europe and another trip plumb around the world. It was a good thing George was along, I suspect in retrospect, for our remuneration from the summer social publication was \$7.50 each per week, plus a split of 15 percent of the advertising gross. George was a good salesman and we broke all previous records for the paper, earning for ourselves an unheard-of average weekly salary of around \$22. Board and room claimed half of it (which was a steal for Blowing Rock), and I am still amazed that my father showed only a net loss of \$55 on his son's summer employment. The press rated passes to the theatre, the regular hotel dances and to almost everything else which carried an admission fee and this helped materially. In addition, the publisher furnished us a press car (which George named "Aunt Cora" after a bawky relative of his), but there was some question as to whether this was an asset or liability. An old Dodge, the hydraulic brakes were very questionable, and the motor ate oil like gas. One day we'd buy brake fluid, the next day oil. But we did right much navigating in "Aunt Cora" and I shall always have a soft spot in my heart for her.

To round out the story on Fort-ner George, he took a job as treasurer of the Episcopal diocese of China, was interned by the Japs for four years, lived through it,

and came home with little more to show for the years of hardship than a few flecks of gray hair.

George's ten years of excitement, flux, change and unusual situations have been pretty typical of many who happened to be born on time to hit the war years in active status. For many, the past decade was one they would not have missed for anything, but wouldn't repeat for a million dollars...

Hog Profits Bring Oil Burner Money

"That's the easiest money I ever made," commented O. W. Jones, Negro farmer of Route 1, Oak City, when he received a \$502 check for 13 shoats which he sold recently.

After paying for the feed, Jones had enough money left to buy a set of oil burners for his tobacco barns. "Now," he says, "after a hard day's work in the field I can sleep at night while my tobacco is curing."

According to R. M. Edwards, Martin County Negro farm agent for the State College Extension Service, Jones is also a good crop farmer. His 1949 cotton crop is as good as any in that section of the state, and it is possible that he may set a new county record in cotton production. He has four acres of Coker 100 Willt and has followed recommended practices throughout the season.

Jones has dusted his cotton crop frequently for insect control. Just before the first dusting about 15 per cent of the squares examined showed boll weevil infestation. A recent check showed only 4 percent infestation.

W. H. Rogers, a Negro farmer of 2, Williamston, also has an outstanding cotton crop. He is growing three acres of Coker 100 Willt.

New Hunting Licenses Go On Sale August 1

The 1949-1950 hunting licenses, combination hunting and fishing licenses, and trapping licenses went on sale Monday, according to Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission. The licenses may be purchased from sporting goods dealers and other authorized agents throughout the state as well as from local game protectors.

State-wide hunting licenses sell for \$3.10, combination hunting and fishing licenses for \$4.10, and county licenses to hunt sell for \$1.10. Non-resident licenses to hunt sell for \$15.75. State-wide trappers license sell for \$3.10 and county trappers licenses sell for \$1.10.

An effort is being made to provide each license purchaser with a copy of the 1949-1950 hunting and trapping regulations at the time the licenses are purchased.

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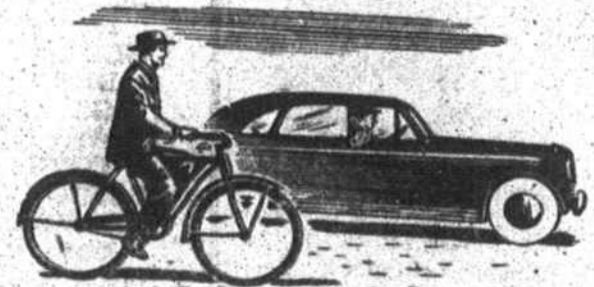
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