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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are way of life. Proverbs 6:34.

A Nervy Guy

There is considerable evidence available that Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson is one of the nerviest gentlemen of recent years to serve in a Presidential Cabinet, and that he is certainly the nerviest since Harold Ickes left the Cabinet.

His actions in the past two weeks, in taking the economy-minded wing of the Congress at their collective word, first, by cutting down on the defense establishment, and, second, in his pointed suggestion that the nation be saved the expense of sending Congressmen on expense-paid junkets to Europe have been something new in national affairs where the vast majority of executives appear to have adopted the spend-and-spend-some-more policy as absolutely unalterable.

Both moves by Secretary Johnson caused some wailing and gnashing of teeth, and it may be that the latter effort of the Secretary to save the taxpayers' money, may prove abortive. The Congressmen are quite human, and, though many of them like to talk about economy and think they really mean it, they take a different attitude when someone tries to put the economy shoe on their particular feet.

Needless to say, Secretary Johnson has the support of the populace in his efforts to eliminate waste in the defense establishment. And most will agree that the nation needs more men of his stripe in the governmental agencies.

The Beth-Ware Community Fair opens next Thursday for its second year, and it should be a better one than the first, which was delayed due to last year's polio epidemic. Our guess is that the fair will be a successful one from all standpoints, including agricultural exhibits, attendance, financial return to the sponsoring organization, enjoyment for the youngsters and older folk too.

Byron Keeter is receiving, and deservedly, the congratulations of the community, as well as his Kiwanis brethren throughout the surrounding area, on his election as Kiwanis lieutenant governor for the first district. This is an important post in the Kiwanis organization, and Mr. Keeter will be able to handle his new duties in most acceptable fashion.

The city board informally discussed traffic problems last week, and, of course, there are plenty of them. Many of the city's streets are narrow and the twin problems of heavy traffic and parking make the traffic situations dangerous. Efforts are going to be made to improve the situations in several places, it was indicated.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Nan Jean, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gantt, of North Piedmont avenue will leave Saturday morning for Hollywood, Calif., where she will interview Hal Roach, manager of Our Gang Comedies. Little Miss Gantt will be accompanied by her mother and Mr. Kenneth Stanblygh, head of the Southern Cinema Corporation.

A Good Record

The Kings Mountain National Guard company made an excellent record at the recent two-week encampment at Fort Jackson, S. S. The men of the company came home with honors, and many of them—23 in all—were raw recruits.

The National Guard is an important segment of the national defense set-up. It is regarded as the second line of defense immediately behind the regular army.

The importance of the National Guard can be easily remembered in the dark days of December 1941.

That the Kings Mountain company made such a good record in the Fort Jackson encampment is a tribute to Capt. Humes Houston, himself officially honored, and to the other officers and men of the unit.

While it is as yet not sure at all that the state will build a cement plant, City Engineer J. S. Evans' report that Kings Mountain's chances appear as good as any other locality comes in the classification of good news. The city administration is to be commended for its efforts along this line. Without a Chamber of Commerce, it frequently falls the business of the city to do some work that a Chamber of Commerce would customarily do.

Our congratulations to Tommy Baker for his excellent showing in the International Plane contests at Detroit. To the average layman, it is inconceivable that a little plane could move through the air at 144.83 miles per hour, but that is the figure Baker's jet model ship attained in setting a world record. He also captured another first place in control line flying, Class A. His abilities in the field of model plane building have brought much favorable publicity, not only to himself, but to this community as well.

The T-B X-Ray unit will set up in Kings Mountain at the Phenix mill on its next visit here, and this will be the first of visits to the various industrial areas. The idea is to take the unit as close to the people as possible, in order that everyone will get a free X-Ray with a minimum of trouble.

The persistence of Paul Robeson in giving concerts which cause rioting is typical of the Communist line of thinking. They are the first to call for help guaranteed them under the laws of this country. At the same time Governor Dewey of New York had no choice but to order all police protection available to insure the concert's going on as scheduled, regardless of what he thinks of Communist Robeson.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Giles Cornwell entertained at a lovely party at her home on East Mountain street last Wednesday evening honoring Mrs. Bruce McDaniel, nee Miss Elizabeth Harris, a recent bride.

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

Paging Beau Brummels

Some philosopher said one time there is nothing new under the sun, and maybe there isn't, but I feel it real unfortunate that Lord Chesterfield (no reference to Lord Arthur Godfrey Chesterfield or Lord Grady Cole Chesterfield), or some of the other well-dressed men of history couldn't be around here now, for they would be most certain to take great interest in a local promotion. It may not be new, but it's the first time I've heard of it out of Hollywood or off the college campus.

I refer, of course, to the "Best-Dressed Man" contests Saunders' Men's Shop is running. This is a new wrinkle which should prove most interesting as to (1) interest, and (2) outcome.

Before this column gets down the line any further, the medical author feels it necessary to state that he does not consider himself a candidate for this office, which is by way of clearing the atmosphere and is sure to take the strain off those who expect to seriously compete for the title.

Naturally the Saunders' Men's Shop management, Big Dave and Little Dave, was interested in advance as to what reaction such a contest would elicit. My guess was that most men would shrug it off and laugh but still be secretly tickled if they picked up as many as two votes in the balloting. As a little personal advertising in the proposition, and though not expecting any great amount of business from it, I would nevertheless like to note that the Herald's job printing department can turn out deluxe campaign cards, circulars, and other tools of the candidate's trade. Should any need this service, just let us know.

Speaking of interest in the best-dressed-man proposition, I also suspect that the contest will have rather wide appeal among the ladies of the populace. Wives, and sweethearts, too, are noted for thinking their spouses and prospective spouses are "just wonderful," though this statement sometimes appears to apply more to the latter. Still, there are few who are not aware that a wife is perfectly capable of raking her husband over the coals with unusual and copious dashes of vitriol, yet in the next second will defend him just as staunchly against an outside assault. Incidentally, I am not complaining about this arrangement at all, for I have come to the conclusion that most men are over-grown boys anyhow and never out-grow the need for correction. Naturally, all these feelings are purely objective on my part, and to borrow the Hollywood bromide, any reference to persons living or deceased is purely coincidental.

In a way, this contest is a little bit unfair to the men over 30. Somehow the male figure begins to lose its athletic proportions and begins to adopt certain barrel-shape qualities, and, as any woman can tell you, it takes some natural equipment to show clothes at their best. It reminds of the comment a chap made the other day about the vacation advertisements for the beaches of the nation. They show a modern replica of Adonis and Venus (the modern version uses arms on Venus) cavorting on the beach. They look SO wonderful. Then you hit the beach and Adonis and Venus are hard to find. Unless you carry a full-length mirror along.

Getting back to the interest-business angle in this contest business, it will be noted that Esquire, which specializes in telling the males of the nation what they should wear, still enjoys a good circulation. And to my knowledge, I've never seen a woman buying one at the newsstands. This should prove that men are clothes conscious and, though they don't like to admit it, do take some measure of pride in the way they dress.

I can think of several probable winners, but there's no use to get the medicinal department involved in politics when it's supposed to be an off season.

The Saunders' gentlemen will be satisfied if the patrons practice that old political axiom, "Vote early and vote often." The beautiful part about this particular balloting is that voting early and often is strictly legal.

The number of chicks produced by North Carolina commercial hatcheries in July was 33 per cent more than the total produced during July 1948.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, North Carolina farmers used 1,724,823 tons of commercial fertilizer.

Corn Fertilization Subject Of Bulletin

Bulletin No. 366, "Fertilize Corn for Higher Yields," which presents all research findings to date on the most effective methods of fertilizing corn in this State, has just been published by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, and copies are available on request.

The 52-page bulletin was prepared by Dr. B. A. Krantz, research professor of agronomy at State College and soil scientist in the division of soil management and irrigation, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soil, and Agricultural Engineering U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is illustrated with numerous color photographs, charts, and slides.

Krantz relates in detail the results of a research program started in 1943 to determine how to fertilize corn most effectively when good hybrids are used along with good cultural practices. His most important conclusion was that nitrogen is the most limiting factor in corn production in North Carolina. It was found that corn yields increased about one bushel for each two pounds of nitrogen applied within the range of response to nitrogen.

In 1947, one acre not treated with nitrogen produced only 19.1 bushels of corn while an adjoining acre which received 180 pounds of nitrogen produced 120.9 bushels of corn. "The lowest cost of production per bushel and the greatest profit per acre were obtained where nitrogen was applied at the rate of 120 pounds per acre with adequate phosphorus and potash," Krantz says.

Missourian Joins Extension Staff

Appointment of George D. Jones as extension entomologist at State College was announced this week by Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, head of the College's Department of Entomology.

Jones has been extension entomologist for the Missouri University College of Agriculture for the past 19 years. He succeeds James T. Conner, Jr., who resigned several months ago to enter private business.

During World War II Jones was in charge of Missouri's lease-land and rat control programs, as well as the battles against insects attacking crops, gardens, and stored grains. He introduced DDT and other new sprays for fly control, turning them to good account for relief of livestock and the protection of human

health. Jones was identified also with State-wide campaigns to check grasshopper invasions. He earned his master's degree with a graduate study of grasshopper outbreaks in Missouri. He is a frequent contributor to the American Journal of Economic Entomology.

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