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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. Proverbs 29:2.

### A Poor Hand

None professes to know the mind of John Lewis, dictator of the coal men, an egotist of the first rank, who may, or may not, call out his miners again come December 1.

There was some considerable surprise around the nation that Lewis in his "magnanimous gesture," ordered the men back at all, but undoubtedly there were many factors involved.

Non-union mines were running, in spite of threats of physical violence on the part of Lewis' henchmen, and this coal was trickling out, even though at high prices. There were also reports that many of the union miners were getting mighty tired of the strike, with no wages coming in, and particularly after the three-day week since mid-summer. Then, too, there was the Supreme Court's decision which made a \$1,400,000 fine against the United Mine Workers stick.

Dues in the mine union are high, and it is hardly likely that the miners like to see their dues being used to pay fines assessed by the government.

Mr. Lewis has been in a period of high prosperity, beginning in 1940, and continuing through the hard war years when this nation was pressed to turn out everything it could in the shortest possible time. He was blessed, or cursed, depending on the point of view, with the dictatorial, world-be-damned attitude, and he knew when to play his trump cards for more money for the miners, and, in turn, himself.

It is possible that the astute Mr. Lewis finds himself today with a poorer hand. Oil is being used extensively, many times in place of coal. While the coal shortage is drastic, it is not as tough as it might have been. Even the weather man fooled him, giving the nation a mild autumn.

Mr. Lewis may pull the miners out again December 1, but it could be the beginning of his own end.

The Herald noted in another paper the other day an editorial in which reference was made to a transplanted citizen from Indiana who, in process of reporting an unpleasant drive marred by two devil-may-care drivers, commented that his auto liability insurance jumped 75 percent when he moved to North Carolina. It is hard to believe that North Carolina drivers are that much worse than those of other states, but at the same time it should justify the reminded to drive most carefully during the coming few weeks. Careful driving includes not only holding the speedometer at safe speeds, but also keeping a sharp eye out for other motorists.

### Thanksgiving 1949

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving, a national holiday, and a time when the United States pauses to give thanks for the good things of the past year. It began as a thanksgiving for a hardy band of pioneers who were giving thanks to be away from oppression of rulers who denied them the right of worshiping as they pleased. It was continued as a time to give thanks for a bountiful harvest.

Here in Kings Mountain, the Kiwanis club is taking the lead this year, with other civic groups and church groups joining in, to launch a church loyalty campaign on Thanksgiving.

A glance at the headlines of today's newspapers, or a short few minutes beside a radio news broadcast, indicates the need for such a campaign not only here but throughout the nation and the world.

It would appear that moral values are being forgot in the press and stir of day-to-day living and making a living, and the church remains the one major institution devoted exclusively to the things which are good, decent, kind, and right.

On next Thursday, people the world over should not only give thanks for the material blessings that have accrued during the year, but they might well re-dedicate themselves to the principles of brotherly love.

The grammar grades athletic program has been run quite successfully by The Mountaineer Club this season. Unquestionably, many youngsters have learned valuable lessons in football, team play and sportsmanship by this program, and its supporters will want to be on hand Saturday night for the All-Star game which will serve as the finale for the program in 1949.

Since Thanksgiving will be a holiday, it will be a good chance for the citizens of the community to view an interesting spectacle at City Stadium.

Reference is made, of course, to the Jaycee Model Air Show, in which a number of jet model enthusiasts of the area will compete for a number of prizes. For those who marvel at the idea of a midget plane traveling more than 100 miles per hour, it will be a good opportunity to see them with their own eyes.

A best bow to James S. Ware, who is serving as chairman of the CROP program in the Kings Mountain area. Commodities are sought to help needy people of the world and the United States has always had a record of giving of their abundance. Kings Mountain does the same.

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The congregation of the First Baptist church voted last Sunday morning to erect a new parsonage on the King lot on Gaston street.

Members of Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department will be guests of the Local Lions Club at their regular meeting at the Mountain View House this evening at 7 o'clock.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. F. E. Finger and daughter, Mrs. Harry Warren, were hostesses at a lovely luncheon at their home on Railroad avenue last Saturday at one o'clock, the luncheon given as a compliment to Miss Pauline Neisler, a bride-elect.

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

Miss Pauline Neisler, November bride-elect, was honoree at a most delightful bridge party at the Woman's Club on last Friday afternoon when Mrs. Hunter Neisler and Mrs. Harry Page entertained at fifteen tables.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Rhyne announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Louise to Mr. A. T. Dellinger, Jr., on Friday, Sept. 10.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Boyce and children of Charlotte were visitors in Kings Mountain Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Cooper of Columbia were visitors in Kings Mountain Tuesday.

### martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

### Ratings

I suppose that the business of rating performances of individuals, groups, businesses, industries and about everything else under the sun has been going on since the days of the cave man, but it seems that the matter has taken on more importance in recent years. Perhaps that is a mistaken idea and only more evident because of the considerable improvement in communications in the past half century. We know more about other folks all over the globe.

You wouldn't think I'd be referring to football ratings, considering last Saturday's fourth quarter at Yankee Stadium, and I am not, exclusively, but the football rating business does come to mind among the first of the several groups under discussion, for there are dozens of football rating bureaus, and a number of smart guys with a "system," have been able to make themselves a more-than-decent living out of the business. Mr. Williamson gets paid a nice fee for his football service, but the real experts are the bookies.

But to get away from football (yes, even with Duke-Carolina on top Saturday), a man is rated, literally, from the cradle to the grave. He is rated a "pretty" baby or an "ugly" baby, and the funny part about it is that there's many a time when the "ugly" baby turns out to be the "prettiest," which only goes to show that some of this rating business ain't so hot. Then the youngster starts to school. Here he gets rated again. It's either A, B, C, or D from then on for 12 years, and more if he goes to college. These ratings loom awfully important to the student, and some of them have been responsible for many a lost report card, that is, if there were too many "D's" aboard. The latter designation has also been known to have caused spankings of the southern extremity, restrictions of evenings out, lowered spending allowances and several other brands of unpleasantness.

If the boy manages to stand up under the weight of ratings 'til reaching 21 or more, he still can't win. If he works in a factory he has to withstand the rigors of an efficiency rating, and outside the working department he is rated socially, intellectually, and, perhaps, religiously. (It helps his rating right much in the social category if he drives a racy convertible.)

If a guy goes into business, he might labor for a short time under the misimpression that he is now his own boss and is subject to no more ratings. This proves another big mistake, as it won't be long until the Dun & Bradstreet representative comes along. Since this fellow says whether your credit is good or not, it is never a good policy to be "too busy" when he puts in an appearance. You can get "busier" in direct relation to the bank balance.

During life, a man will probably get rated as a good husband or a bad husband, and more than likely he will have cheerleaders on both sides of the question. Then as he gets older, as the stress and strain gets too much, he dies. But does he escape then? Hardly. He gets rated as a good citizen, average citizen, or poor citizen. Of course, mortal ratings don't matter to the person involved anymore, but then there's St. Peter to contend with....

All of which is a long way round to talking about a newspaper rating deal, which returns, from the monetary standpoint, to the first portion of today's piece. I refer to ratings announced in some papers around the area last week and the week before which included the Herald and gave it an "A." It all started several weeks previously, when the Herald received a letter from an outfit which calls itself "Community Research Bureau." The letter said the bureau made it a business of rating newspapers and wanted to do ours too. We thought this was all very nice, particularly since there was no reference about cost and the only request was to send a copy of the paper for a particular period of time. Probably two months later, I was checking the mail and here was a big mass of stuff from our old friend Community Research. Bolled down it amounted to this: "It appears you are going to rate an 'A' and if you'll send us \$25 we will complete the rating report and send it to you...."

I can think of ways to spend \$25, but I can't think of one that's more than a half-second in displacing the stuff in that greatest of modern inventions, the postoffice wastebasket.

### Trees Still Available To 4-H Members

More than 700,000 tree seedlings are still available for North Carolina 4-H Club members to obtain free for planting this season, according to R. W. Graeber, in charge of forestry extension at State College.

The seedlings are being donated by the North Carolina Pulp Company of Plymouth and the Champion Paper and Fibre Company of Canton. Distribution is being made through the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Development. Application blanks are obtainable from county farm agents and forestry extension specialists.

Graeber points out that the deadline for receiving applications is only two months away, and he urged 4-H members to submit applications promptly.

Any 4-H member may apply for from 1,000 to 5,000 trees for planting on his or her home farm provided the parent or guardian approves and furnishes the land for planting. Loblolly pine seedlings are available to members in Rockingham, Guilford, Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Gaston, and all counties east and south of this line. Short-leaf pine seedlings are available in counties north and west of this line. Applications have already been received from 18 club members in Alamance, Cleveland, Guilford, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Rutherford, Surry, Union, and Wake.



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A junior science major, Miss Friddle is also social chairman of Tri-Beta.

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