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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12.

Much Detail, But Worth It

Back in the summer, one enthusiastic supporter of the proposal to consoli-date the several school districts of Number 4 Township into the Kings Mountain district talked of starting construction in the autumn, which would be now.

That view was real optimism and before the supporter had learned the mass of detail involved in a consolidation process.

Vacation season in Raleigh, and with a number of school officials also away on business trips, delayed the matter further, but now it seems that the local school committeemen have re-arranged the red tape, at least, and know where a start can be made.

Arranging an election, the officials agreed last week, is Step No. 1, to determine whether citizens of the neighboring areas want to join with the Kings Mountain district, and whether the neighboring citizens are willing to tax. themselves 20 cents on the \$100 valuation to equalize the special school supplement collected by the Kings Moun-tain district since 1937.

At the recent meeting, there was some question advanced about rural folk being assessed "city taxes". There is no proposal whatsoever to assess rural folk with "city taxes". Indeed, none of the city taxes paid by in-city dwellers go for school purposes. All school taxes are levied, and all school funds are collected, by the county government. The present Kings Mountain district special school tax of 20 cents per \$100 valuation is handled exclusively by the county government, not by the city. When the state assumed responsibility for staffing the schools, the municipalities of North Carolina went out of the school business. Former municipal functions of providing sites and buildings were taken over by the county governments, and the Kings Mountain school district is merely one sub-division in the county school set-up, withal an autonomous one.

A Taxing Delusion

There is quite an amount of talk a-mong business and political leaders these days concerning a general federal sales tax, and, though almost all Congressmen throw up their hands in hor-ror when it is mentioned, its enactment, in some form, either at the wholesale or retail level, is a definite possibility. If anything, the federal government should be thinking about repeal of some of the sales taxes it already collects, i. e., the terribly expensive tax on telephones, leather goods, cosmetics, and others known as excises.

While businessmen generally approve sales taxes, as opposed to the heavy, confiscatory income taxes the public has come to know, these same proponents who envision a big saving on income taxes may be deluding themselves. Income taxes are here to stay. There may be some rate cuts now and then, as well as some upward adjustments, as at the onset of the Korean War, but taxing of incomes will continue.

It's an old and true axiom of government that it is much easier to enact a tax than to repeal one. A most likely result would be ever-increasing pressure from the let-Washington-do-it groups to increase the take from a federal sales tax, concurrently with the income tax.

Many think a sales tax quite fair, on the grounds that everybody has to pay. Others says it is unfair, contending that it is a tax predominantly on the poor.

Regardless of that argument, putting the federal government in the taxing business in still another area is bad business for the taxpayer. And the puny estimates of what a four percent sales tax, for example, would return is pitiable in comparison to the huge sums required to finance the government.

Ingredients: bits of news wisdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage. Best yet. m-m That was the advance billing on the Bethware Fair and it can serve, too, for the actual report of the event, which, in its sixth season, topped all others for attendance, tiring out urchins, people signing tickets for nostrings-attached prize drawings, and just about every other phase of this growing community event. m-m Not being a farm expert exactly, I am disinclined to compare the crop exhibits with those of previous years, except to say that this season's looked good to me, in spite of dry

MARTIN'S

MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

weather. 'I heard Will Watterson say a bale of hay he exhibited was cut just prior to the dry weather onset some weeks ago. But the corn entries filled the space, in spite of the drought.

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I also got acquainted with "milo", James S. Ware, the expostmaster, acquainting me with its name and uses.

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The number of cars parked in and around the spacious schoolgrounds Saturday night shows that local area auto dealers have done a good job of selling and that most folk regard a reasonably new model as a necessity for 1953 living. Once upon a time, in the memory of most of us, a car was considered the height of luxury.

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Among the many farmer and merchant friends I chatted with at the fair was Franklin Davis, who is the Bethware area participant in the Better Acres contest this year. Myers Hambright, the fair manager and Bethware agriculture teacher, explained that the farmers in the Better Acres contest merely agree to carry out during the year a particular project recommended by extension department, soil conservation and other agriculture officials.

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"They don't have to agree to do anything they don't want to." Myers said. But Mr. Davis countered that he had agreed to almost every recommendation,



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Viewpoints of Other Editors

BE ADDRESSED AS

'MISTER", NOT

"PREACHER"

WATER FIRST, MINISTERS PREFER TO THEN INDUSTRY

One thing that will have to be considered before the campaign o bring more industries to North

A. Salisbury minister, speaking Carolina augments is the present before a civic club in Hickory rewater supply situation. The procently, discussed the titles which longed drought that has lasted are applied to preachers, but, almost all summer has reduced much to our surprise, he had nonot a few towns and cities to thing to say about the greatly sharp regulations in the use of abused "Reverend". water. Some of the affected towns

He said that most ministers would be in a disastrous plight, worthy of the name prefer to be if in addition to ordinary users addressed as "Mister", better they had new and aggressive inknown by its abbreviation, "Mr." dustries demanding large vol-Rarely does the leader of a imes of water. The ruinous drought has not as a method of greeting address "flock" like the term, "Preacher",

been confined to the great agrior introduction. cultural areas of the Piedmont In more recent years and aand Eastern Carolina areas, but mong certain denominations, the

has been equally hard on the title, "Pastor", is being used more mountain chains where freely and more, but our Rowan county running water has always been abundant. Even the city of Ashe- friend does not like this title eitville has had to restrict water her. However, he did say that "Pastor" is much to be preferred sides and passes that have always over "Preacher".

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Thursday, September 24, 1953

After the vote is arranged, and the Herald assumes that the several school committees will proceed with that detail do. First would be the voting. If approved, the next step would be the setting up of a governmental unit for the district - a matter which will have to await the next convening of the General Assembly in 1955.

Thus building a consolidated organization is no short-term matter, either for approving or for actually building and using.

But great projects are seldom accomplished with lightning speed, nor by feats of magic. A long, hard pull is the usual rule. The agreement to make the voting the next step must be hailed as progress, and the Herald is glad to see it.

Much interest attaches to the proposed U. S. Highway 29 by-pass, now approaching a reality after many years of planning, surveying, discussing and false starting. The current trend is to by-pass communities, and while there usually is great argument locally over the relative merits of accommodating the "through traffic" versus the economic dislocation brought by the re-routing of main highways, the by pass has become an accepted principle of highway engineering. Highway Commissioner Scarborough and his aides are urging a full attendance at the Tuesday night hearing here, and all persons interested should avail themselves of the opportunity to be heard.

Considerable Gamble

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson is credited by many with being the most outstanding cabinet appointment, by far, of the new Republican administration. He has not only brought to the sprawling defense establishment his great knowledge of running big works. but has shown an unusual ability at cracking the heads of the so-called "brass", which, many citizens have suspected, needed cracking many months ago.

But many of these same admirers question his policy of concentrating defense production among a few big companies and feel that Secretary Wilson is not properly assessing the lesson of the devasting fire at General Motors' hydramatic transmission plant, which materially hampered the production of automobiles.

The Wilson policy is wonderful for desired economy and perhaps a help in standardizing defense establishment purchasing — an area long responsible for great wastefulness.

But a well-placed bomb, either by enemy bomber or by saboteur, would be much more damaging in the highly concentrated defense production set-up.

As one man, speaking in the extreme, remarked, "We could lose the war before it started."

At least 125 Kings Mountain young people, including 17 Negro students, are listed this year in the area's off-toschool list. Majority are attending regular accredited colleges, while some are enrolled in specialized trade schools. The list continues to increase annually as more students and parents realize the need for better preparation in a society that grows more complicated and more specialized each year. The old days of one-family self - sufficiency are gone forever, which means the advantages of more specialized education continue to increase.

B. Goforth, Jr., who are stationed

Hulen Miller of the Navy is

spending a week with his mother.

at Great Lakes, Ill. are visiting

their respective parents.

general and specific, and comparison of his Oak Grove farm before and after shows it, Myers notes and the pictures show. A photograph of the Davis Better Acres exhibit appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Mr. Davis' farm is on the Oak or not. Grove Road just past the Huskey place, and I asked where is the boundary line between Patterson Grove and Oak Grove, Mr. Davis said his place is just about on the line. Other that in some spots and areas wadovetailing communities, which ter is handled wastefully. So get their names from churches much is this true that in various in the vicnity, are El Bethel and Bethlehem, all of them tofar below old levels and wells. gether making up what Myers springs, and even creeks have calls "the Greater Bethware iried up that never failed before. community", a good name for it, indeed.

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I met for the first time, officially, Erwin Hughes, son of Conrad Hughes, and postman on the navy's USS Edisto, a low-slung ice-breaker. The Edisto is one of several navy ice-breakers and is based at Boston, which means that Sailor Hughes commutes regularly between three principal points, Boston, Kings Mountain and the Arctic regions. The icebreaker has a short flight deck which can accommodate helicopters.

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North Harmon, whom I hadn't seen for ages, reported, 'I'm still on the farm, but I don't do much. A man oughta learn something as he goes along." Farmers don't sell dairy products to the retail trade anymore, due to the restrictions of public health edicts, but Mr. Harmon's butter was always a premium product.

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Among local firms displaying their wares were Ben Goforth's Plumbing company, Bill Logan's Supply company, Baird, McGinnis and Cooper furniture, and Margrace Store, I got a kick out of seeing Bill McGinnis showing the ladies a fancy stitch on the Necchi sewing machine. I didn't know

This week, of course, the big, colorful, glambrous, bigger and older brother of the Bethware Fair, the Cleveland County Fair, is underway, But the Bethware Fair was a good sample and a tribute to the many, many people of the Bethware Community which had a hand in it.

been damp or wet have been as dry as old bones. It seems evident that before the conservation and development forces go out after the major industries they must be in a position to assure those industries of clean and inexhaustible sources

water sources before any new

might well be, "Water First, Then

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urg Exchange

erred greatly, for if we are any judge of the use of various terms, of water, whether droughts occur it seems to us that "Reverend" is

being used more and more, and We need a new and practical unless folks learn better, it will study of the state's water resoursooner or later come to be reces in all its various sections, and garded as correct. then we ought to have a new and

"Reverend" and "Honorable" revised water policy. It is plain are titles of courtesy and respect. We would not think of referring to a man as "Honorable" Jones, and neither should we adplaces the water table has sunk dress a minister as "Reverend" Jones. It is quite correct to address a man as "Honorable" Albert' Jones, or "Rev." Henry The new factor that has enter-Jones, but without the given ed the situation is industry. Houname, the use of these titles of ses and shops and offices can get respect are incorrect.

along with a moderate supply of From time to time, you will water, but industry can function see "Rev." Jones in this newsonly if it gets unlimited volume. paper, but that does not make it Some of the towns now hopecorrect. It simply means that this fully laying plans to acquire new lesson in grammar has still not ndustries may thank their stars made any impression on reporters they haven'i got them at present, and proof readers. - Stanley and may also be thankful that they will have time to tap new New & Press.

Carlton Speaker ndustries arrive. Their slogan **At Jaycee Meeting** Industry." - Smithfield Herald

Football Coach Shu Carlton of Kings Mountain high school discussed prospects for his club at the regular meeting of the Junior

Chamber of Commerce held at Masonic dining hall Tuesday night, September 15.

choice for U. S. Senator to' suc-President Paul Walker presided ceed the late Willis Smith, is a and some 40 Jaycees were prelawyer. Senator Smith was a lawsent, Coaches Carlton, Don Parkyer. Senator Broughton was a er and John Charles were guests lawyer and Senator Clyde R. Honey is a lawyer, Senator Frank of the club, along with 12 members of the Jaycee Little League Graham was not a lawyer. There baseball team. is nothing against lawyers as

Herbert Mitchem was welcomsuch, and they take to public life ed as a new member by Grady naturally. A knowledge of the law Howard of the membership comcertainly is a fine asset for a man who is going to help make the mittee and Tommy Owens was a

country's legislation and sit in its guest of the club, Bill Fulton introduced Coach highest legislative body. Some of the members of Congress, some Carlton, who said that the deof the governors, and some of fensive play of the Mountaineers the presidents, come from pro- would improve in coming games fessions other than the law. But and that the club's passing attack take it as a whole and lawyers would also improve. hold most of the big political jobs, Kerr Scott was the State's only

Members of the Little League team present were Punch Parker, non-lawyer governor in recent times, and Harry Truman came non-lawyer governor in recent times, and Harry Truman came up to the presidency without a lawyer's license, But one's chan-martin, Don Giadden, Don Parkces of becoming governor or er, Sammy Houston and Mike B. United States senator are greatly Ware. ces of becoming governor or

> Coaches Luco Falls, Nell Hullender and Arnold Falls were recognized

North Carolina cotton for har-

vest this year is currently esti-An adequate supply of home meats is essential for the well mated at 762,000 acres, 17,000 balanced diet on the North Caromore acres than harvested in lina farm. 1952

Since he said nothing about "Reverend", we suppose that he took it for granted that everybody knows that it is absolutely wrong to greet, address, or introduce a minister as "Reverend" Jones. But in assuming this position, he

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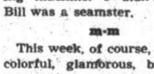
YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain ended the first forced landing and was able to Shelby, Miss., are visiting Mrs. ten day period of the Third War take off Wednesday morning for Lewis' parents, Capt. and Mrs. Loan Drive with \$103.875 of sales Charlotte to be refueled and to Meek Ormand. Charles A. Goforth, Jr., and I

reported by Chairman J. R. Davis, continue to its destination, Out of the night swooped a B-T Personals 13 Armp plane to make a forced Mrs. Luther P. Ware has aclanding in the field in front of cepted a position with the local

the home of Joe Neisler on the Draft Board. York Road Monday about 8 p. m. Mr. Fred Baker of Atlanta is The plane was badly off its course visiting his brother, Dr. L. P. Ba-

Mr. and Mrs. Price Patterson and due to the clouds and fog of ker and family. of Savannah, Ga., visited relathe ceiling was only 100 feet. The Lt. Colonel and Mrs. O. P. Lew. tives in Kings Mountain during ship was not damaged by the is and little daughter of Camp the weekend.



enhanced if he is a lawyer in good standing, and the same goes for members of the political jobs