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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 consolidate 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 committee 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 Mountain 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.

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.

## 10 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 ten day period of the Third War Loan Drive with \$103,875 of sales reported by Chairman J. R. Davis. Out of the night swooped a B-T 13 Armp plane to make a forced landing in the field in front of the home of Joe Neisler on the York Road Monday about 8 p. m. The plane was badly off its course and due to the clouds and fog of the ceiling was only 100 feet. The ship was not damaged by the

forced landing and was able to take off Wednesday morning for Charlotte to be refueled and to continue to its destination.

**Personals**  
Mrs. Luther P. Ware has accepted a position with the local Draft Board.  
Mr. Fred Baker of Atlanta is visiting his brother, Dr. L. P. Baker and family.  
Lt. Colonel and Mrs. O. P. Lewis and little daughter of Camp

Shelby, Miss, are visiting Mrs. Lewis' parents, Capt. and Mrs. Meek Ormand.  
Charles A. Goforth, Jr., and I. B. Goforth, Jr., who are stationed at Great Lakes, Ill. are visiting their respective parents.  
Hulen Miller of the Navy is spending a week with his mother.  
Mr. and Mrs. Price Patterson of Savannah, Ga., visited relatives in Kings Mountain during the weekend.

### MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon  
*Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.*  
*Directions: Takes weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.*

Best yet.  
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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 outurchins, people signing tickets for no-strings-attached prize drawings, and just about every other phase of this growing community event.

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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 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 school-grounds 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 Ham-bright, 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, 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 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 dovetailing communities, which get their names from churches in the vicinity, are El Bethel and Bethlehem, all of them together making up what Myers calls "the Greater Bethware 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 ice-breaker 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 ought 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 Bill was a seamster.

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This week, of course, the big, colorful, glamorous, 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.

### Who, ME? by Robert Osborn



More than 15,000 persons were killed and nearly 750,000 hurt in week-end accidents last year. Only YOU can prevent traffic accidents!

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### 'WATER FIRST, THEN INDUSTRY'

One thing that will have to be considered before the campaign to bring more industries to North Carolina augments is the present water supply situation. The prolonged drought that has lasted almost all summer has reduced not a few towns and cities to sharp regulations in the use of water. Some of the affected towns would be in a disastrous plight, if in addition to ordinary users they had new and aggressive industries demanding large volumes of water.

The ruinous drought has not been confined to the great agricultural areas of the Piedmont and Eastern Carolina areas, but has been equally hard on the mountain chains where freely running water has always been abundant. Even the city of Asheville has had to restrict water consumption, while the mountain sides and passes that have always been damp or wet have been as dry as old bones.

#### LAWYERS GET MOST JOBS

Lawyers get most of the big political jobs. Alton D. Lennon of Wilmington, Governor Umstead's choice for U. S. Senator to succeed the late Willis Smith, is a lawyer. Senator Smith was a lawyer. Senator Broughton was a lawyer and Senator Clyde R. Honey is a lawyer. Senator Frank Graham was not a lawyer. There is nothing against lawyers as such, and they take to public life naturally. A knowledge of the law certainly is a fine asset for a man who is going to help make the country's legislation and sit in its highest legislative body. Some of the members of Congress, some of the presidents, come from professions other than the law. But take it as a whole and lawyers hold most of the big political jobs. Kerr Scott was the State's only non-lawyer governor in recent times, and Harry Truman came up to the presidency without a lawyer's license. But one's chances of becoming governor or United States senator are greatly enhanced if he is a lawyer in good standing, and the same goes for members of the political jobs that are prized most — *Laurin-burg Exchange*

#### MINISTERS PREFER TO BE ADDRESSED AS "MISTER", NOT "PREACHER"

A Salisbury minister, speaking before a civic club in Hickory recently, discussed the titles which are applied to preachers, but, much to our surprise, he had nothing to say about the greatly abused "Reverend".

He said that most ministers worthy of the name prefer to be addressed as "Mister", better known by its abbreviation, "Mr." Rarely does the leader of a "flock" like the term, "Preacher", as a method of greeting, address or introduction.

In more recent years and among certain denominations, the title, "Pastor", is being used more and more, but our Rowan county friend does not like this title either. However, he did say that "Pastor" is much to be preferred over "Preacher".

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 erred greatly, for if we are any judge of the use of various terms, it seems to us that "Reverend" is being used more and more, and unless folks learn better, it will sooner or later come to be regarded as correct.

"Reverend" and "Honorable" are titles of courtesy and respect. We would not think of referring to a man as "Honorable" Jones, and neither should we address a minister as "Reverend" Jones. It is quite correct to address a man as "Honorable" Albert Jones, or "Rev." Henry Jones, but without the given name, the use of these titles of respect are incorrect.

#### Carlton Speaker At Jaycee Meeting

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.

President Paul Walker presided and some 40 Jaycees were present. Coaches Carlton, Don Parker and John Charles were guests of the club, along with 12 members of the Jaycee Little League baseball team.

Herbert Mitchem was welcomed as a new member by Grady Howard of the membership committee and Tommy Owens was a guest of the club.

Bill Fulton introduced Coach Carlton, who said that the defensive play of the Mountaineers would improve in coming games and that the club's passing attack would also improve.

Members of the Little League team present were Punch Parker, Jerry Proctor, Jerry Black, Gene Gibson, Bill Small, Roger Bollinger, Junior Wheatstine, Benny Martin, Don Giadden, Don Parker, Sammy Houston and Mike B. Ware.

Coaches Luco Falls, Neil Hullender and Arnold Falls were recognized.

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