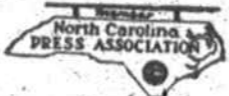




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2:8.

Aims For Top

The spectacle recently witnessed whereby Senator Joe McCarthy and President Eisenhower are considerably at odds is not a mere argument between the leaders of two wings of a political party, as Senator McCarthy would have the public believe at the moment.

The battle between the two is another barrage by Senator McCarthy in an effort 1) to assume the leadership of the Republican party, and 2) to convert that leadership into a presidential nomination and trip to the White House.

The Senator has a lot in his favor. Among his assets are good-fellow Irish looks, a sincere manner, and an emotional appeal. Not the least of his assets is the fact that many people regard everything connected with Washington as crooked and rotten. Senator McCarthy, by his statements, would have the American public believe he is the only honest lily-white knight in shining armor left in Washington who is willing to do battle against the forces of iniquity.

Another asset, and perhaps the major one for Senator McCarthy, is the cloak of senatorial immunity. The Senator can stand on this premise to keep himself out of trouble when he makes rash charges which, later, can't be substantiated. He gets by with the public by ranting and raving, not with documentation and substantial facts.

Huey Long tried and didn't make it. And all other would-be United States dictators have endeavored to make it with varying degrees of ill success. But in Germany Hitler reached the top.

The American citizen's civil liberties should be listed as the eighth wonder of the world, more important than all the other seven. But some folk follow the Pied Piper, McCarthy, because what he says pleases them momentarily. That is why Senator McCarthy touted with President Eisenhower on the issue of trade with Red China. Certainly trading with Red China is indefensible in the popular mind. All other phases of the issue were ignored. The McCarthy method is a steal from the old one of pulling statements out of context.

Make no mistake about it: Senator McCarthy is smart. He is ruthless, and he is ambitious. Should he reach the White House, the freedom of every individual citizen would be in danger.

President Eisenhower may not be the most brilliant man who ever graced the White House, but his patriotism is spread on the record much more fully than that of the senatorial headline hunter from Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy.

Several items, other than Christmas shopping, should be handled during the month of December. They include buying a 1954 city tag, if the new paper model can be called that, and numbering the domicile according to the new numbering arrangement recently adopted by the city. And, if you haven't already, draw a liberal check for the Kings Mountain high school band fund.

A new law goes into effect January 1 which makes more dangerous than ever the business of driving an automobile without liability insurance coverage. The common description of auto liability insurance, as opposed to other kinds such as fire, collision, etc.; is that "it's the kind that keeps you out of jail." Under the new law, a person who can't show financial responsibility to the extent of at least \$11,000 will almost certainly lose his driver's license, should he be involved in a major traffic accident. Whether the particular driver was at fault does not enter into the matter, as we understand it. Motorists who do not carry automobile liability insurance should see their insurance agent at once.

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.

Paul E. Kendrick, Kings Mountain high school band director, has resigned in order to enter some branch of the military service. He has served as high school band director since 1935 when he began with only seven members in the band organization.
Rev. J. G. Winkler, pastor of Central Methodist church, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association

at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon. Rev. B. F. Austin was elected vice-president and Rev. P. D. Patrick was elected secretary-treasurer.
Social And Personal
Lieut. Humes Houston is on a visit in Kings Mountain and Page-land before reporting for duty at Fort McKane, Miss.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baker of Four Oaks, N. C. were guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Allen over the weekend.
Sgt. Marriott Phifer has returned to Miami Beach, Fla., after a visit to his home in Kings Mountain.
Lieut. and Mrs. D. C. Olive and son, Jerry, of Fort Monmouth, N. J., arrived this week for a visit at the home of Lt. Olive's mother, Mrs. E. B. Olive.
Personally, I am looking forward to an inspection of the new ranch-type home, and I shall not insist on Drace's serving refreshments.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and common sense. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

No official pronouncement has been given me concerning this weekend's model home show, which Elmer Lumber Company has arranged for this weekend for one of the Crescent Hill homes, but I have a sneaking suspicion the inference involved is that some head of some household should purchase it as an ideal Santa Claus stunt.

And indeed it would be....

At any rate, the model home show is a nice stunt and a worthwhile promotion, and it is good to see it being used in Kings Mountain as a means to promoting home selling, and, of course, home ownership. Owning a home is good business for anybody and makes better citizens, advertisements of the loan agencies contend, and I wouldn't be surprised if it weren't true. Home owners work harder on their lawns, their gardens, take more pride in the interiors and exteriors, it is contended. However, I don't believe I would ever be much of a gardener, but prospects should be good among the golfing clientele.

The home being shown this weekend in Crescent Hill is a neat five-room number, featuring two bedrooms, living room, den, and kitchen, the ideally-sized home for what has become the average American family. Grandpa wouldn't have been interested, considering his need for bed space for a half-dozen or more, but the modern-day family includes father, mother, and two urchins.

The beauty of the home at 607 Crescent Drive will be greatly enhanced for the showing by the addition of furniture, with Baird, Cooper's, Sterch's, and McGinnis collaborating to outfit the new-model, ranch-type residence with new-model furniture. In addition, the sponsor, Elmer Lumber Company, has completely outfitted the kitchen with a Youngstown kitchen. Youngstown's contribution to female longevity, which should be completely useful and gleamingly bright.

Drace Peeler fathered the promotion, replicas of which have proved highly popular in larger cities. Why not in Kings Mountain, particularly when homes of the type shown sell for several thousands less than they do in bigger cities?

Homes, like other major acquisitions, are seldom paid for cash-on-the-barrelhead. Even more seldom than automobiles, and everyone knows that most folk seldom get out of hock to the auto finance companies. Generally, more autos, dishwashers, bedroom suites, washing machines, and, of course, homes have been sold by terms than by, say, a bargain asking price. The time-payment plan, sometimes castigated by the more conservative, or, vice versa, by those who have been a little easy in their credit granting policy, is given as the chief reason for the high standard of living of the American people, which far exceeds that of any other nation in the world. Think of Moscow, with only five service stations in the whole of that large city. There's a dozen, someone said, in Kings Mountain, and that's just within the city limits. People simply find it easier to pay a debt than to amass a cash payment.

Thus the great home-building boom since the war has been spurred by two great factors 1) need, the nation having fallen far behind on home-building during the four years of World War II; and 2) easy terms and long re-payment schedules. "Payments cheaper than rent" is a recently coined phrase not likely to gather much dust, in spite of reinstatement of so-called tight money policies. Twenty years may seem too long to use in paying for a house, but the homes are better-built these days and outlast the payment period.

I have not talked turkey with Hal Plonk on the house-buying business, nor with the several furniture folk and Drace Peeler on the furnishings stuff. But I imagine a few signatures on a few dotted lines, plus just a small amount of down-payment, would deliver the furnished model home being shown this weekend in rapid-fire order.

CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**
1—Indoor game
9—Athletic slugger
10—One of the "Aces"
11—Masculine smoker
16—Participant in popular indoor sport
17—Arranger of tennis tourney schedules
21—Australian bird
22—Canadian sport
23—Mystic Semarist word
24—Tough bleeding (abb.)
28—Male title
29—Greek letter
30—Something for the fisherman
32—Preposition
34—Pronoun
36—Man's nickname
38—Sea vessel (abb.)
39—Examination
43—Ancient sun god
45—Verbal past tense suffix
47—Chemical symbol for rhenium
- DOWN**
2—Urges
3—Weight unit (abb.)
4—Chemical symbol for sodium
5—Hewing implement
6—Checkers color
7—Sporting game (two wks.)
8—Athletic overtraining of the odds
10—Tennis service point
11—Regret
12—The big thing in bridge
14—Latin abbreviation for "that is"
15—Kind of cheese
16—Beige color
19—Public conveyer
20—Male offspring
23—Bring suit
24—Economic Co-operation (abb.)
27—A kind of equine game
31—Like
33—Bone
35—Short sliding implement
37—Residue
38—Motor highway
40—Traffic Control (abb.)
42—Month (abb.)
43—Explosive
46—Popular British indoor game
49—Greek teacher
50—Keystone Umpire (abb.)
51—Athletic dew
52—Metallic element
55—Athletic Redoubt (abb.)
57—Er
61—Kilocycle (abb.)
62—Classification of inquiry
63—Cautioning sound

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzles

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE FBI BECOMES A POLITICAL BUREAU
One thing made clear by the Harry Dexter White case is that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has the hidden power to convert this country into a police state.

J. Edgar Hoover's testimony in the White case shows that his bureau can build up or mar the record and actions of any government or government official, and can do that without showing its hand or coming from behind the scenes.

The American people have supposed that such things were to be found only in Russia and other benighted countries of the Old World. Yet J. Edgar Hoover's own testimony at Washington proves that merely by "reports," never made public, can make or break any administration, while at the same time casting credit or discredit on any chosen public official, even inside the doors of the White House.

J. Edgar Hoover's testimony showed one thing further: That whereas the F. B. I. was set up chiefly to reduce crime and watch criminals, it has become a political bureau, wielding powerful secret political influence.

Attorney General Brownell's efforts to impute treason to ex-President Truman and to the dead Chief Justice Vinson have jerked the cover off the F. B. I. and revealed its possibilities as a political organ having dangerous inclinations and powers.

These illuminations of dark places must have shocked American people. It remains to be seen whether that shock will be translated into curbs on a growing police state. — The Franklin Press.

TAR HEELS WRITE BOOKS
We may not read books in North Carolina but we certainly do write them. Eligible for the Mayflower non-fiction award this year are 22 volumes, but there are 65 to be considered for the Historical Book Club's Sir Walter Raleigh Cup for fiction, which includes drama and poetry.

We don't envy the judges in either contest. In non-fiction they will have to choose between such contenders as Always the Young Strangers by Carl Sandburg, Miracle in the Hills by Mary T. Martin Sloop and LeGette Blythe and Community Power Structure by Floyd Hunter.

But the Sir Walter Cup judges really get our sympathy. They have a wealth of poetry and fiction. They have a wealth of poetry and fiction from which to choose one book. The poetry includes such works as The Bat Brothers and Abel Anders by Frank Borden Hanes, Shadow of the Swimmer by Charles Eaton and Early Harvest by James Larkin Pearson.

However, the judges will run into most trouble in the novel. Here North Carolina has outdone herself this year. We have space to name just a few, but these comprise A Tear for Judas by LeGette Blythe, Yorktown and The Ragged Ones by Burke Davis, Queen's Gift and Bennett's Welcome by Inglis Fletcher, Wild Cherry Tree Road by Bernice Kelly Harris, Disguises of Love by Robie Macaulay, Finer Things of Life by Frances Gray Patton, The Storm Cloud and Landscape of the Heart by Lettie Rogers, Jackson Mahaffey by Fred Ross, and The Velvet Doublet by James Street. Any writer who wants to win a fiction prize had better not come to North Carolina; the competition is too rough. — Greensboro Daily News

THE GIVE-AWAY PROGRAMS
In this community many merchants are giving away nice prizes to the Christmas Shopper. These prizes are in excess of the Grand Prizes being given cooperatively by all of the merchants. Naturally this is looked upon as an idea to get more people to trade at home. But truthfully the entire thought behind the "Give-Aways" is not just to induce trading at home. The gifts are a material method of sincere appreciation for the splendid "Trade-at-Home" movement that has gripped our people during the past many months. However, even if the sole purpose of the "Give-Aways" was to get you to trade at home it would be a well worthwhile community project. It means that our merchants have a good stock of Christmas Gifts and useful articles for all.

There is not a merchant in the local Association that is not proud of the merchandise that they are displaying this year. They are proud of the prices, the brands and the selections. Above all they are proud that your trading at home enables them to carry what we consider the best lines of merchandise and the most varied of any community in the South of comparable size. It is a fact that our local merchants do have such a selection.

Take your list and stay at home. You'll find you will save money, time and that it will be a lot safer than getting on the crowded highways and going to the bigger cities. — Belmont Banner.

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