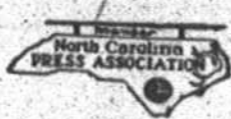




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke; and if he repent, forgive him. St. Luke 17:3.

### Tax Values Down

County Auditor Max Hamrick has just completed totaling the taxable property values for the coming year and finds his total short from last year, reversing a several-year trend.

The reason, says Auditor Hamrick, is the drop in values of automobiles, mostly made up by new construction.

For a long time, the auto has been the one item that the tax listers could put on the books with little argument. Using the wholesale "blue books", everyone's Ford, Chevrolet, Buick or Cadillac was listed according to its market value. With the catch-up in auto production and return to a buyers' market in automobiles, car values took a tumble — to the extent of two million dollars in Cleveland county.

While it is rough on the budget makers, it is still fair, and to fair-minded citizens brings a wish that real estate and personal property could be measured by a similar yardstick. It is possible to value machinery and certain equipment fairly by the cost book, less depreciation, but dogs, diamond rings, and the value of real property are hard to determine with satisfaction to tax official and taxpayer alike.

### Dollar Days

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, majority of Kings Mountain retail firms are participating in annual spring Dollar Days, a bargain offering event which will benefit the vast number of citizens who consume virtually every product.

Comments among merchants indicate that much work has gone into the promotion, plans for which began two months ago. Special purchases dot the stores, and many items are being advertised at prices approximating manufacturers' cost.

The merchants recognize that many budgets are pinched and some paychecks shortened, and they have geared their 1954 Dollar Day promotion to the situation.

The First National Bank is going to considerable expense to provide a new service sure to prove highly popular with merchants, who find it impossible to guess their change needs, as well as to citizens requiring cashing of payroll checks. Commendations are in order to the bank, its officers and directors, on installation of the new after-hour service window.

Construction of Highway 29 by-pass is underway, which means that travel on it will begin about 18 months to 24 months hence, depending on weather and similar governing conditions. Relief for the eardrums from the roar of the diesels is now in sight.

Citizens may register at the polling places Saturday for the June 12 schools-hospital-health center bond election, but these new registrants will be ineligible to vote in the May 29 primary. Books closed for primary registration last Saturday.

Congratulations are in order to J. Olie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, recently elected secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers examining board, and to Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, recently elected recording secretary of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs.

## 10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Arrangements are being made for graduation exercises at Kings Mountain high school, according to announcement by Supt. B. N. Barnes.

Rev. L. B. Hamm of Burlington, former pastor of St. Matthews Lutheran church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night and the commencement address will be given by Dr. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the First Baptist church in Spartanburg, S. C., on Monday.

Members of the Lions club will elect new officers at their meeting tonight in Mountain View Hotel at 7:30.

**Social and Personal**  
Mrs. George Womack of Savannah, Ga., has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hillard Black, and Mr. Black.  
Mrs. J. B. Falls went to Asheville during the weekend to visit her sister, Miss Eunice Hord, who underwent an operation in an Asheville hospital last week.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

A weekly newspaper has problems of organization of its news which don't occur on the daily newspaper. The difference is the fact that the Herald, for instance, is printed four pages at the time with the first press run usually on Monday. A paper with a stereotype press prints all of the pages at once, can have all the society pages in sequence, all the sports pages in sequence, etc.

Thus it occurred last week in the Herald that the picture of the Resurrection Lutheran church-yard beautifying detail hit the sports page. On second thought, perhaps it qualified as an "outdoor sport".

Douglas Fritz, the Resurrection pastor, can take some credit if Lester Bates, the Columbia insurance man, becomes South Carolina's next governor. Mr. Bates ran four years ago and got nowhere, but he never stopped running. He has spent the past four years, it was reported from Columbia a few weeks ago, speaking, visiting, and providing entertainment at every crossroads and hamlet all over the state.

Some of the entertainment provided was music by the Capitol Life quartet, with Mr. Fritz one of the four singers.

"The work was pleasant and Mr. Bates paid well," Minister Fritz relates, "and I was able to pay almost all my expenses at the Lutheran Theological seminary through income from that source."

Resurrection church is installing an organ soon, as the result of some deep digging by members and friends into their bank account. But the total was still short until the postman brought an envelope the other day from Hildebrand. It contained a \$500 check for the organ fund from Miles Aderholdt, a member of the church Mr. Fritz left to come here. Mr. Aderholdt is related to the Kings Mountain Aderholdt clan.

One night last week I was standing at Otis Falls' service station when a guy wheeled in for gas. Chattering a bit, we discussed the weather, business in Rutherfordton, where he operates a barbecue drive-in, and finally got around to the question, "What's your name?" "Harmon," he replied. "What's yours?" "Harmon," I replied.

He said his father was Will Harmon who had lived in Kings Mountain. It was not the late painter. He said Oliver (Red) Falls was his first cousin.

Ordinarily, activities of the ladyfolk (specific, not general) are verboten in this column, but Mrs. Oscar Myers' experience of a few nights ago must be related. Clad only in sheer night attire, Mrs. Myers went to the kitchen for some minor chore, completed it, and found herself locked out. Oscar had already retired and evidently was sleeping the deep sleep of the innocent, for all manner of knocking was completely unavailing. It became evident that the only way to awaken her husband was by using the front door-bell, and, though fearing her neighbor, Dr. J. E. Anthony, would be coming in or going out, or having a late call, Mrs. Myers, barefooted and cold, dashed to the front of the house and sounded the bell. In a few moments, Oscar sleepily reached the front door and snapped on the light. He remained sleepy no longer. "Good gracious! What are you doing here!" he ejaculated. "Turn off that light!" his wife replied as she jumped behind the screen. At last reports, pneumonia was not a result of the episode.

Chatting about matters political with Herman Campbell, the Superior Stone office expert, Herman harked back to the night Roosevelt was elected president for the first time in 1932. Herman, then a school teacher at Newland in the mountains, gathered with a few friends at Camp Yonahlossee with the winter caretaker. Herman turned out to be the only Democrat in the party and really had a field day. But all was not well. Leaving late, Herman's Ford floundered in a swollen ford, and the group decided to take the narrow-gauge train, known as "Twee-tle", back to Newland. The distance wasn't far and they could have walked it quicker, Herman relates. Teacher Campbell and other teachers with him were late for school, and their absence had created some measure of excitement.

I remarked to a friend last week that former President Harry Truman and I celebrated birthdays on the same day and

## The Passing Scene

by Carl Rose



"Drunk and doing eighty. Never mind the ambulance. Send a basket."

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### MESS IN WASHINGTON BOTH NAUSEATING AND FRIGHTENING, AND NOT EQUALLED IN TRUMAN ERA

If there is anyone in this country who doesn't think we are "in a mess" now, let him step forward. We will admit there were many phases of the Truman administration that were disgusting as well as disturbing, but the events of the past two or three weeks have been nauseating and frightening.

The McCarthy-Army spectacle in Washington, and the Dulles tragedy at Geneva respectively sicken and alarm the average American.

No difficulty is experienced in spotting mistakes through the use of hindsight, but President Eisenhower was warned about giving recognition to McCarthy even during the campaign. Like a dictator, a man of McCarthy's temperament can never be appeased. Now we have a "circus" in Washington that is on a lower level than a bunch of tough, dirty boys fussing over a game of marbles.

After having been completely out-manuevered through his own errors and those of the administration, Secretary of State Dulles left the Geneva conference last week and turned over his spot to a subordinate in the state department. Rumors had it that he gave consideration to resigning. Statements of Eisenhower, Nixon, Knowland, and Dulles, when gathered together, put this nation in an untenable spot.

Russia and China are taking over the leadership of the world, and we find even our closest allies have lost confidence in us because of our vacillating leadership.

The Republican administration has made many mistakes, as is to be expected of every new administration. It had been 20 years since they were in power, and they did not realize the weight of the responsibility which they were assuming. One of the more serious mistakes was when the Republicans allowed Senator Taft to pick Senator Knowland, of California, as his successor as majority leader. Dulles remarked recently that Knowland gave the state department more trouble than the Russian and Chinese diplomats.

Looking at Washington from the outside, it would appear that utter confusion reigns, and it makes us yearn for those days when Truman and Acheson worked closely together in the handling of foreign affairs.

The sad and tragic fact is that President Eisenhower is not a politician, and he has had to depend for advice on those who think they are. If he had followed his own intuition, we would not find the country in its present plight. Perhaps it is not too late for him to take charge now. —Stanley News & Press

**OPPORTUNITY MISSED**  
A Hollywood writer suggests that a "Humility Award" should go to the judge who failed to kiss the former Miss Marilyn Monroe after he performed the ceremony in which she was married to Joe DiMaggio. —The Greenville Piedmont

that we'd recently passed another. My friend replied that we therefore were under the same sign of the zodiac and would have the same horoscope. "Right," I enjoyed, "Taurus, the bull."

"You're both well experienced in bull," my friend teased. I suppose it's true, though, Harry, of course, operates in the major leagues, I in the minors.

#### THE MEN WHO DID NOT RISE

Premier Joseph Laniel of France had the saddest of tasks when news came to him of the fall of the fortress of Dienbienphu. He had to tell the French Assembly of this disaster, this injury to the nation's cause, this bereavement to nobody knew how many fathers and mothers. He had to acknowledge that the flag no longer flew over the faraway outpost for which so many men had suffered and given up their lives. Members of all parties save one rose to their feet in tribute to the dead and to the living who had fought so well. The Communists did not rise. Their loyalties were elsewhere, with another country, with another flag, with another —and sinister—cause.

This is a symbol of communism in the democratic countries of the modern world. These men have no respect for their country's honor. They salute a flag that is not their nation's flag. They pay no tribute to men who die for liberty. These are the men who keep their seats when freedom's crepe-wreathed banners pass by. These are the men who will not even bow their heads a moment for the newly dead who fell in the unending struggle against tyranny. —New York Times

#### GARDEN CLUB HAS GOOD IDEA

Congratulations to the Scotch Gardeners (the garden club) for its work in trying to conserve and protect Laurinburg's trees, and in encouraging Laurinburg people to have a thought for the trees. The Gardeners have gone about this work in a practical and sensible way, and have secured the advice and aid of those qualified to make recommendations and suggestions, which include fertilizing the trees.

Concern for Laurinburg's trees has been expressed many times by many of its citizens, and The Exchange has tried from time to time to emphasize and point up the value of the trees, their everlasting beauty, and their friendliness and comfort as they add the touch that makes Laurinburg a beautiful and an attractive town.

At this time of year, as the trees put forth their full foliage we are sure that all of us have a keener appreciation of their beauty and their worth. All of us would hate to think of Laurinburg without trees, minus the statelyness and the dignity that they lend its streets, its homes, and premises.

There are two practical ways in which we can protect and conserve the trees. One is the plan outlined by the Garden club, which calls for fertilizing and careful attention to their needs. The other is to discourage abuse and rough treatment, which they sometimes receive, and to discourage those who would cut them or destroy them to make room for mere man-made improvements. —Laurinburg Exchange

#### YOU THINK YOU GOT PROBLEMS

Just as we think we have all the world's problems lined up mentally so we can spend the night lying awake worrying about them, we come across one we hadn't even known about — the Amalgamated Postal Workers Union of Australia is complaining because the pockets on their sweater shirts don't have flaps. —Columbia (S. C.) State

Cash receipts from farm marketings in North Carolina in 1953 totaled \$384,070,000, or 6 per cent below those of a year earlier.

## Grand Old Opera To Give Program

Stars of NBC-TV and the Grand Old Opera will stop over for one performance in Kings Mountain at the Recreation Center on Childers street, on Saturday, June 12, according to an announcement made today.

The Ben Crowder show, which is seen for 30 minutes, twice weekly, over NBC-TV, being carried locally over WISE-TV, Asheville and WFBC-TV, Greenville, S. C., will bring their entire troop for a full two hour popular, western, hillbilly, and comedy show.

Webb Pierce's "Lonely", along with Slim Moody's Rhythm Guitar Boogie, and music by world's champion fiddler Bobby Hoyle, steel guitarist Junior Seeley, accordionist Noblin Hoyle and vocalist Jean Crowder, will bring a variety of music for the entire family with comedy by the grand ole opery showball comedians.

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