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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. I Corinthians 10:21

The citizens who are giving their time and attention to the matter of recreation for youth deserve commendation and support. They are combining their efforts into a centralized program which should bear choice fruit in the form of an improved recreational program.

Reports from the armed services continue to be received in Kings Mountain concerning prisoners of war, missing men, and casualties. The news to some is good, to others it is the final, crushing blow of the death of son, husband, or brother. Friends can offer sympathy, yet the real sadness, the bitter loss, can only be realized by the person who receives the dread telegram. The secretary has asked me to convey his deep regret.

Easter

Easter should mean more than it does to most of us, more than the wearing of a new suit or dress, or putting on a new Easter bonnet for the fashion parade. These have their place, but all of us should remember that on the first Easter morning Christ arose from his tomb to become the living symbol of a hopeful but sinful world. Christians everywhere should think on this fact and take stock of themselves to see if they have profited from the example of the Saviour. Obviously there is something missing in our lives which allows us to find ourselves periodically in mortal combat. Go to church Sunday. Obtain the inspiration which the wonderful story of the rising of the Saviour should be to everyone.

Pricing And Inflation

While the OPA says that the new method of determining retail prices will simplify the process, the merchants have not been fully convinced that this is true. They feel, and rightly so to the layman's point of view, that the OPA is again putting the cart before the horse and working backwards again. The subject of the discussion and worry for merchants is Maximum Price Regulation 500, which requires retailers to make new pricing charts on many items, listing both the ceiling price and the sales price, and taking into consideration cost price. The merchants must also list the unit cost and file it by invoice number and manufacturer, and will be allowed a percentage mark-up. Obviously, OPA is trying to get some information and try to force certain hard-the-devil-around-the-bush manufacturers to return to production of goods discontinued for new, higher priced, cheaper quality merchandise.

The retail merchants feel they should have gone to the manufacturer first and point out that the preparation of the order, as stated by OPA, required three years, while OPA expects the merchants to be in compliance in 30 days. In addition, they aren't allowed to obtain extra help, even if they could find it. A cursory glance at any paragraph shows it is again the legal-phoned OPA boys at work, and its enough to make the merchants angry. Some think it's the final straw which will break the camel's back. It may be.

Morgan Discharged

W. H. Morgan, 45, who received a medical discharge from the army, after serving 18 months of which part of that time was served overseas in Italy and France.

The beginning of jet engine production on a volume schedule, the AAF contract operations already underway at the General Electric Company's second largest turbine plant in Syracuse, N. Y., it has been announced with approval by the War Department.

Martin's medicine
 containing lots of pure, white, luscious, and delicious. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.
 By Martin Brown

April Foolishness
 Sunday will be April Fool Day and Easter too, which seems to be crowding on one day in the year eight week. However, I'm sure it suits the school authorities fine, for this year the playful students won't have any excuse to slip off from books to mischief and generally give vent to the selfish of spring to their hearts.

Older persons are likely to remember many April Fool days and remember about them for many years have been pulled on all-fool's day. It doesn't seem to matter much just what pranks are pulled, for April Fool is always a good excuse. The old stand-by, at least the first I can recall, was "Your shoe's untied." Of course, it wasn't, but it brought a good laugh. Then there were the fellows who would put a sign in the general vicinity of a victim's backside which read, "Kick me here." This, too, always brought a good laugh when the victim was kicked, but considerable discussion had to be used by the kicker—depending on the size of the one to be kicked.

Then there was always the group who used the day for a holiday from school. However, as I recall my own experience at April Fool gamboling away from my books, it was fun while it lasted, but the outcome was rather painful. The school authorities thought it wasn't such a good job and "sentenced" me and my 30-odd compatriots to a tour of duty in the study hall for two hours after school. A 30-day sentence, it was commuted later to four days, but it was long enough to effect a cure. And somehow or other I couldn't generate much sympathy from the parents either.

If the old adage is true that "April showers bring May flowers," then we are in for some rainy weather. However, most folks won't mind, for the showers should be of the warm-front type, since Old Man Groundhog's six-week rule is over. Incidentally, the war's war adviser for this column stated as wrong last week when he told us that Thursday was the first day of spring. Actually Wednesday was. And, as usual, old Man Weather managed his customary trick of making a liar out of the calendar. He turned on the cold wave and sent many folk scurrying to the coal bin to fill the empty buckets. But it wouldn't have been right if he hadn't. Spring means fun and weather the world over. I was at sea about a little 20 but two years ago during the equinoctial period, and our little craft was smashed so hard by the waves I thought she'd break in two.

Between the dots . . . Jack Randall and Leon Wolfe have had some tough luck. After coming through unscathed in battle since they returned to the safe (?) U. S. Jack broke his elbow a day after landing at a West Coast port. Leon broke an arm in an auto wreck two days after he landed. . . . Wanda from Guy Roberts: Don't leave your clothes hanging on the line at night. Soup did and somebody paid him a visit, carrying off a number of shirts. . . . The out of the "Lions" club Women's Wedding is planned that the wedding feast will be well-timed. But I make no comments on the beauty of the participants. . . . If the number of runaway horses and mules is any indication, a lot of Victory gardens are only partly needed for planting. . . . Maybe the mules are striking for an extra ear of corn. . . . but if I don't quit writing this stuff my subscribers might strike.

By Way Of Mention

Lois Battle
 Pvt. Ward Shuford of the Army was a recent visitor in this community.
 Everett Lutz of the Navy was a recent visitor in this community.
 E. W. Neal of the Army returned to his home Wednesday after spending several days with his mother, Mrs. Helen Neal.
 Johnnie Cheney of the Navy is on an extended visit to his parents.
 Vernon Tate of the Army is spending this week with his mother.
 Arthur Lee Jackson of the Navy returned to his home Sunday after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wood Jackson.
 Sgt. E. A. Yelton of the Army spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Yelton.
 Richard Ware of the Navy is on an extended visit to his parents.
 Raymond Stynes of the Army returned to his home Sunday after spending several days with his parents.
 Pvt. Francis S. Pruden of the Army was a recent visitor in this community.
 Willie Hanson of the Army spent

10 Years Ago
 THIS WEEK
 Items of news taken from the 1945 file of the Kings Mountain Herald

It was with deep regret that the council of St. Matthew's Lutheran church accepted the resignation of Rev. C. K. Derrick as pastor of the church which was presented at a called meeting Sunday evening after evening worship.

The regular meeting of the Boy Scout Court of Honor for March at the High school Thursday called up a new record for advancement. The new troop being organized at the Baptist church under the leadership of Glen Bridges and Dr. O. F. Lewis was presented with its charter and six boys were accepted into the Tenderfoot rank.

H. C. Hicks who has been a member of the local police force for the past six years resigned this week to accept a position elsewhere.

Considerable excitement was caused by the smoke stack being blown down during the storm Monday afternoon. The stack was blown from the building in which Lawyer J. R. Davis' office is located.

PERSONALS

Ben Beem has returned to his home in Kings Mountain and is recovering from an operation he underwent in the Charlotte Sanatorium last week.

Mrs. Lona McGill, Mr. and Mrs. John McGill, and Miss Elizabeth McGill were among those who attended the marriage of Mr. Elmer McGill and Miss Elizabeth Simmons Boyd at Acorn last Friday.

Miss Grace Neisler has as her house guest Miss Margaret Scullin of Houston, Texas. Miss Scullin joined Miss Neisler at Palm Harbor, Fla., recently and after a stay there returned with her to Kings Mountain for an extended visit.

Miss Elizabeth Anthony, James Edward and William Anthony, students at Erskine college, Due West, spent the week end with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Anthony, coming especially for the golden wedding celebration of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anthony. Allen Swanson, student at State College, Raleigh, is spending the spring holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Herndon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Yarbore announce the birth of a son, James Hillard, on March 23. Mrs. Yarbore is the former Miss Flora Hookout.

the past week end with his parents. Aaron Allen of the Navy is on an extended visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Allen.

L. George Plank of the Army spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Plank. Bill Adams of the Army spent the past week with his wife, Mrs. Bill Adams.

Sgt. Floyd E. Welch of the Army spent the past week end with his parents.

John D. Ledbetter of the Army returned to his home Sunday after spending several days with his parents.

William Walker of the Army was a recent visitor in this community.

C. B. Biggers of the Army is spending this week with his parents.

Barney Black of the Army is spending this week with his parents.

L. M. Logan of the Navy is spending this week with his wife, Mrs. L. M. Logan.

R. N. Parrish and Mrs. Clyde Parrish returned last week from Del Rio, Texas, where they visited Pvt. Clyde N. Parrish.

Mechanized methods of farming required fewer man hours of labor to produce the principal field crops of Eastern Carolina. Write the Agricultural Editor, State College, Raleigh for Bulletin.

Random Notes
 by
 Mrs. A. E. Johnson

A visitor, a Mr. Hines from Virginia, told the keeper of Mountain Rest cemetery, the other day that he wanted to find the "old" cemetery, where his mother was buried many years ago. Mr. Hines asked who his mother was before marriage and the answer was "Garrett." Mr. Hines then told him he was within a few feet of his mother's grave but it was hard to make the visitor believe that this was the same cemetery as he said the one he remembered was entirely covered with brown-edges, trees and other growth.

I think the grave the visitor sought is in the shadow of an old cedar tree and has a stone bearing the name, Mary E. Hines—died Sept. 1, 1881. Beside this grave are those of Richard Garrett and wife, the former known in my childhood as "Squire Garrett."

If you haven't visited Mountain Rest cemetery lately, do so at once while the borders and beds of thrift, (there's another name for this but I can't spell it), are so well worth seeing—then go again soon when the spirea, tulip and iris are at their best. The blooming shrubs and flowers in a setting of pretty, green grass, really beggars description.

Perhaps most of us know, but it's well to mention the fact occasionally that Mountain Rest cemetery, with its lovely landscaping, at centers, as the result of a dream of the late Edward C. Duelle, who was at one time a member of the City Council. Mr. Duelle's dreams were oftentimes greatly disturbed by anti-criticism and opposition of taxpayers but he wasn't easily discouraged and with the Civic League (now the Woman's Club) as his ally, he was able to see in his life time, a start at least toward a realization of his dreams — and we now have a cemetery to which every civic-minded citizen can point with pride.

Perhaps few of us know that there is not a new drive started, not a bed of flowers planted, not a shrub set out, without following almost to the letter, the plan or pattern laid out by the landscape gardener employed in Mr. Duelle's time—the pattern was made by a man who could see far into the future and as more is added and the size of the cemetery increased, none of the original beauty and symmetry is lost.

Mr. Hines and his helpers are seeing to it that everything is kept in fine shape and they're glad to have visitors at anytime.

An excerpt from a letter from Lt. B. C. Etheridge written from the Pacific, Mar. 10, reads: "News everywhere tonight seems to be good, especially in Europe.—Looks as if what we have been waiting for so long will soon be here.—Don't know what effect Germany's defeat will have on us out here but everyone will be happy about it."

Seen and Heard During the Past Week:—Complimentary remarks about Dr. Edgar Cooper's sermon preached at St. Matthew's, Sunday morning.—Yemassee Mary Frances Grant and Helen Purton Treat, happy over being together again.—Johnny Warlick asking at lunch Sunday, if his Aunt Dorothy, who had been absent since Friday, was away from home.—The wisteria in my back yard loaded with huge panicles of purple bloom, thanks to Josephine Weir.—A young soldier's wife telling of a letter she received from her husband,—written from the banks of the Rhine,—Jean Ware Lefrancis looking her car with baby bed, luggage and various and sundry other belongings as she leaves for her home in Shelby after a visit to her parents.

FINE MATERIALS DESERVE FINE CARE

Saunders Dry Cleaning
 Phone 221

FLOWERS

We have received orders of orders during the past few weeks, from every section of war overseas, and from your country men in his country. These orders we are going to fill first, with our finest flowers.

After these orders are filled, we are still going to have a fine crop of blooming pet plants, and plenty of orange blossoms. Flowers are our business, and we have spent months, working and planning so Kings Mountain could enjoy the finest flowers obtainable in North Carolina.

The only thing we are short on is time, as we allow no unemployed hands to handle our flowers. But with your cooperation, everybody can have flowers at home.

Walters Flowers
 Phone 95

Announcement

Our Repair Shop Will Henceforth Close At
1 P. M. Saturdays

Our closing on Saturday afternoon is due to the fact that wholesale houses close Saturday afternoon, making it impossible to get parts needed for repairs. We ask our patrons to take note of this change.

Victory Chevrolet Co.
 Phone 49

CHARTER NO. 5451 RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 5

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

of Kings Mountain, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on March 20, 1945, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts (including \$1.79 overdrafts)	\$ 305,650.85
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,346,199.75
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	178,725.16
Other bonds, notes and debentures	20,125.00
Corporate stocks (including \$4,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	4,000.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	605,453.73
Bank premises owned \$11,500, furniture and fixtures \$7,200	19,000.00
Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate	750.00
Other assets	510.01
TOTAL ASSETS	2,741,534.80
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,029,400.00
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	320,542.42
Deposits of U. S. Government (including postal savings)	345,170.87
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	94,000.07
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	100,522.00
Other liabilities	1,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,500,682.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
Surplus	60,000.00
Undivided profits	23,111.00
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	15,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	208,111.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	2,741,534.80
MEMORANDA	
Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	300,000.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	50,000.00
(c) TOTAL	350,000.00
Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	414,000.00
(b) TOTAL	414,000.00
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, ss:	
I, H. B. Winstead, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
H. B. Winstead, Cashier.	
Sworn to and subscribed before me CORRECT—ATTEST: this 20th day of March, 1945.	
Lillian M. Wright, Notary Public	H. A. Wain
My Com. Ex. Jan 12, 1947	