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#### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. Psalm 17:1.

The county board of commissioners, in acting under the authority of the act passed by the recent General Assembly, has appointed Mrs. Pride Ratterree to serve as a part-time service officer of Kings Mountain. Her duties will be to inform service men returning to civilian life of their rights and benefits and help them to obtain them. Mrs. Ratterree, who served with the Red Cross nursing corps in World War I, is well-qualified for this post. We rather imagine, though, that it won't be too long before the commissioners will have to make it a full-time post.

#### Production And Bonds

The Seventh War Loan drive began officially Monday with a big goal for Kings Mountain citizens. Next Monday Kings Mountain War Production week begins.

As has been stated frequently in the news section of this paper, the observance of war production week has two purposes: (1) to show just how much war work is going on right here in Kings Mountain, and (2) to show the people the importance of sticking to the job.

Textiles — cotton textiles — are among the army's critically needed products. An examination of the map will show, according to present battle lines, drawn in tropical areas, that it's a cotton war, as far as outfitting men of the services is concerned.

Also, we believe a lot of folk, even those producing the products of Kings Mountain plants, will be surprised to find just where their products are going.

War Production week and the Seventh Loan campaign tie in together. Learn about YOUR job, and buy those bonds to assure an earlier V-DAY.

#### 'Going To Church

Announcement of the plans of a large citizens' group to sponsor an extended go-to-church and Sunday-School campaign in Kings Mountain is encouraging, for it shows a growing awareness for the need for spiritual development.

Few have failed to hear the platitude that "you don't have to go to church to be a Christian." As a statement, that is undoubtedly correct. But an examination of people would show that few who don't attend church — and a good many who do — are Christians in name only.

But participation is all important. That is the reason that the civic organizations which have high percentage attendance are the best. One must participate to learn, and one must learn to know.

Striving to learn, know and practice the teachings of Christ should be the first business of everyone.

Chairman John L. McGill was entirely right when he said last week, "The present state of the war-racked world calls for a spiritual reawakening." These civic groups are on the right track.

The leaders anticipate and should have a filled auditorium for the Bible program of the Plunk School on Sunday.

Our congratulations to the winners in last Tuesday's election. The vote was light, indicating that citizens, thinking about the war and V-E Day had little time for much else.

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By Martin Harmon

### Post V-E Day

V-E Day, awaited for many months, arrived, and the reaction to the announcement in different sections of the nation and in other nations was varied.

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In Russia, where the people know nothing until Marshal Stalin decides it's time for them to know, the announcement came early in the morning. The Associated Press reported wildly rejoicing, night-gowned crowds in the streets, embracing of each other like an old-time revival meeting.

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It was much the same in Britain, where, since September 3, 1939 — for more than five years — the people have known the wall of the sirens announcing the approach of the death-dealing Luftwaffe, fires, sudden death, buzz-bombs, complete blackouts, rationing of the most strict order, and hard work.

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In America, the radio reported tremendous jams at the New York, grog shops, but in the hamlets, towns and villages, the reaction was generally quiet, prayerful, thankful, mindful that the job is no more than half done.

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One can understand the reactions in Britain and Russia, but not in New York. Britain can begin to rebuild, though still in war, the closeness of the war has vanished. There will be no more buzz bombs. The British people can settle down to ALL that the American people have known of war: rationing, anxiety about loved ones. For Russia, the war is over, until and if she joins us against Japan. For the United States, she will be bearing the brunt of the fight against Japan.

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When the thrilling news came Monday morning that the V-E day proclamation was expected, it bred a real flurry in the Herald office. It was immediately planned to get out an extra, if the proclamation came on Monday afternoon, incorporating four sections of the edition which Herald readers received as a V-E edition, plus a front section of four pages. When the announcement came that it would be the following morning, plans had to be altered to simply put out a special V-E edition.

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Comments between the dots: The letter Bill Fulton wrote his mother about the horrors of the Nazi political prison camps undoubtedly will bring home the brutality of the Nazi fiends better than any other account of these atrocities. . . . Almost all of the V-E day let-up of restrictions are all right, including lifting of the brownout, the army's point system discharge plans, the statement of General Eisenhower that men who had fought in Africa and then in Germany would not be sent to fight Japan, plans for more gasoline and other commodities for civilians. But the ban on horse racing was a good one. San Francisco war plants, and those at Baltimore, Boston, and other cities were beset with absentee problems until the ban . . . the absentees being busy winning the war by placing two bucks on the nose of a nag to come home in front . . . now that's great sport, I suppose, but not a sight of help toward winning the war. . . . Nothing hurts a newsmen more than to have a real story at his fingertips and not be able to do anything about it. In the midst of the V-E day edition, it was impossible to get a number, one being an account of the experience of Robert (Whitey) Whiteside, liberated from the Nazis, and now at home.

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Moffatt Ware gave me a ribbing about getting Mayor Joe Thomson re-elected too soon . . . he wasn't re-elected until the meeting following the official oath-taking before Judge O. C. O'Farrell Thursday morning, not Tuesday night as reported . . . The Mayor wished to be relieved of this post, but he didn't have a chance. The motion was made, seconded and carried in less time than it takes to write it . . . Glen Bridges took the Masonic hurdles in Charlotte a couple of weeks ago and now is a top-notch 32nd degree . . . reports on the junior-senior play listed it as one of the best student productions presented in recent years . . . Mrs. R. C. Gantt gets five copies of the Herald each week . . . four go by first class mail to three sons in the navy, and a fourth in the army . . . Vernon Hanesport, former agricultural teacher at Grover, has been elevated to the post of Stanly county agent . . . and week-old congratulations to R. B. Grigg, the genial C. C. Cola man, on his election as Gastonia city commissioner.

## 10 Years Ago

THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1935 files of the Kings Mountain Herald

According to observations made by teachers, patrons, and visitors in our city this year, the Kings Mountain public school system has enjoyed one of the most successful years of its history. Through the cooperation of the school board, the mayor and council, and the PWA, many improvements have been made in the physical plants, while the teachers and pupils, working together have achieved notable results in classroom work and extra-curricular activities.

Clyde R. Hoy has made his long-expected announcement for governor in the 1936 campaign.

Manager O. W. Myers of Belk's Department store announced this week that the local store had been appointed official Boy Scout outfitter.

During the past season athletics at Central High have been going up the ladder. Both the football team and the basketball team showed improvement over previous seasons and the baseball team won the championship of the Western conference.

#### PERSONALS

Miss Martha Frances McGill had as her guest for the week end Miss Gladys Quinn, of Sharon, S. C.

Miss Ruby Burrage of Charlottesville, Va., is visiting in Kings Mountain.

J. D. Hord.

Miss Octavia Crawford who has been teaching at Long Creek, Mecklenburg county, is at home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill, Mrs. C. P. Elam and Miss Eva Plunk attended the meeting of the State Bankers association at Pinehurst last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parrish announce the marriage of their daughter, Sara, to Mr. James Layton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Layton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith announce the marriage of their daughter, Pauline, to Mr. Herman Edward Queen, son of Rev. W. P. Queen.

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## Try Dealers' Fair Record Tightening

Roundup out a broad program to stop illegal tire sales and assure their fair share of tires to motorists, new rules effective June 1, tightening tire dealers record keeping requirements and other changes have been established, OPA District Director L. W. Driscoll in Charlotte said today.

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