

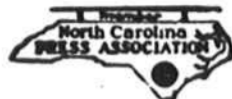
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which seeth in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. St. Matthew 6:6.

If you have noticed, the news these days from the battlefronts has been principally the reports of bombings and bombardments of the Japanese homeland, plus rumors of peace moves by the Japanese. Looking back, you will remember that the same softening up, also punctuated by peace rumors, preceded the D-Day invasion of Normandy. You will also remember that Germany had to be further pulverized and overrun by the infantry before the Nazis hoisted the white flag. These are interesting facts to remember, for the Japanese are more fanatical than the Nazis were.

County Board Chairman Glee Bridges and County Attorney Henry Edwards are in New York and Washington this week conferring on county hospital matters. They are investigating the issuing of bonds in New York and talking to Congressmen in Washington to find out the possibility of federal aid in hospital-building programs. This federal aid business catches everyone in a vicious circle. Business and industry about for cutting of federal aid, yet if the pie is baked everyone wants to dip in for his piece.

War II Veterans

The Herald of last week carried what should have been an interesting story for all its readers - the story that Kings Mountain area veterans of World War II, now number 280.

The fact that this number of men have been returned from service - some with physical disabilities - should put a lot of folks to thinking, for the total will increase until the final surrender of the Japanese.

Many of the returning veterans will return to their former employment. Others are looking for new fields, to put to use trades and skills learned in the services.

But, it seems to the Herald, that the most important part of this transition period is the attitude of the public. The majority of the returning veterans are expecting nothing more than the right to work and earn a living, as other citizens do, and as they did before entering service. They do not wish to be coddled and they do not expect special favors because they have fought in the Pacific or in Germany.

They are proud of their service as evidenced by the frequent statement, "I wouldn't take anything for the experience, but I wouldn't give one cent to repeat it." They know that they simply did their duty, which the young men did in World War I, and which the young men are doing today.

Ex-service men know that an honorable discharge is much like a high school or college diploma, an entree which must be backed up by work which meets the requirements of the business in which they are employed or running themselves. They only want a chance to prove their mettle. Civilians should remember this feeling on the part of service men, honor it, and act accordingly.

The county schools opened Monday. Undoubtedly, in this time of manpower shortages, particularly on the farms, the split-term which allows school children time in the fall to aid in the harvesting is necessary. But teachers, almost without exception, feel that much more can be accomplished in the way of imparting knowledge when a complete school year is broken for no longer period than Christmas vacation.

The Big Three are at work. Their efforts will go a long way, if successful, in bringing about what man has never known: lasting peace. The public, meantime, hopes for a written document setting forth the agreements reached at Potsdam. The people do not like verbal agreements, written

martin's medicine
(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)
By Martin Harmon

Hats, Etc.

There are a number of inspirational reasons for the subject of this piece, including the big reduction on summer hats at most of the city's department stores.

But the main reason is that somebody took my Panama after the Lions club meeting at the hotel Thursday night. All of which dispels a lot of ideas about hats I'd had in the past.

One of those ideas, undoubtedly attributed to the fact that it's true in my case, was that a person would know immediately if he donned the wrong hat—just because of the different "feel."

Another idea is that a man who had just bought a new hat certainly wouldn't want to trade it for a worn, battered model that had already seen good service and been caught in the rain at least a dozen times. But, as this is written (Saturday) I still have somebody's new summer-weight straw, size six and seven-eighths, in place of my old battered one.

Now that size part is where the trouble comes in. This hat I've got is just a little tight, else I'd have never said anything about the trade.

Some day I'll learn to put my initials in my fedora, just to take care of exigencies like this.

I suppose my compatriots in the Lions club have thought I was acting funny the last few days for I've stared at every blue-banded hat I've seen going down street atop a Lion's head.

Contrary to the usual opinion, men's hat styles change, though not as much as the ladies' do. I can remember a few years back when the standard style for an elderly gentleman was a rounded Stetson with brim turned up and a suggestion of a crease in the middle. For the younger men, it was a narrow-brim hat, with the tri-corner block.

But it's different now. The older men have come more and more to the three-corner crease and the brim's on the young men's hats have widened and widened. Never have measured the brims on those "soot" hats, but they must be at least three inches.

Changes in styles in women's hats are more noticeable, but I honestly believe that the war has made most of them a little more sane than they once were. At least, I haven't seen a woman's hat in six months that caused me to ask what it was.

One of the best hat stories ever told concerns a woman who bought a hat just before going to a funeral. It is supposed to be a true story, and I'm sorry I don't have the original to re-publish here.

At any rate, the lady, who was in a hurry anyway, bought the hat and hurried to the church where the funeral was being held. The lady suddenly realized she had one on her head and that it wouldn't look right to carry a new hat, in hand, into the church.

With a few muttered words, she handed it to the funeral director who was standing at the door, and entered. The funeral director, who didn't understand the lady, looked at the strange apparition in his hand, and decided it was a bunch of flowers. Imagine the lady's amazement and chagrin when she saw the funeral director walk down the aisle and quietly place the new hat on the casket. Throughout the funeral service she sat and squirmed. Whether or not she retrieved the hat I don't remember.

Flash: M. H. Eiser has just come in and I mentioned my hat problem. "Why," he says, "Don Stanton was fussing about getting the wrong hat the other night. I bet he has yours."

Don did. Someday I'm going to do a column on coincidences.

An Army officer at Camp Mackall has approximately 25 acres planted in vegetables and has just completed harvesting one acre of roasting-corn cobs, according to County Agent N. L. Hendrix.

on scraps of paper, like the Atlantic Charter, nor loosely phrased, semi-verbal agreements which came forth at Yalta. The people like documented agreements, in order that misunderstanding may be avoided, and in order that a nation may be held responsible for fulfilling the agreement's terms.

If nothing else, the church attendance figures to two Sundays ago show that a lot of church-goers don't like to get wet.

10 Years Ago
THIS WEEK
Items of news taken from the 1935 files of the Kings Mountain Herald

The only adult quadruplets in the United States will make a personal appearance in Kings Mountain Saturday evening at 8 p. m. at the High School auditorium. The charming young ladies are four-fifths of 100 years old and are talented entertainers. They are brought to Kings Mountain by the Otis D. Greene Post of the American Legion.

Mr. George Patterson, who now owns the old Ferguson Gold Mine which is South of Kings Mountain Battleground, is having the mine worked. Several Gastonia people are connected with Mr. Patterson in the operation of this mine. The work is in charge of a Mr. Ellis, an experienced mining engineer of Tellico, Tenn. The workers are now cleaning out the shaft and a number of workers will be given employment as soon as the preliminary work has been completed.

The plate glass window of Plunk Brothers and Company was broken Sunday afternoon during the high winds which accompanied the rain storm. An awning was broken which fell upon the window and broke it. The window was insured.

Mr. J. A. Secrest has accepted a position with Mr. Stamey as manager of a new store he is opening in Spindale. He will assume his duties August 1. Mr. Secrest, of Monroe, came here about three years ago as assistant manager of Belk's Department store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Edwards of Greensboro is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley H. McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch have returned home after a trip to Washington, D. C.

Miss Sarah Henry Summitt left Tuesday for Shelby where she joined friends for a 10-day camping trip at Cherokee.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Jackson spent Sunday at Montreat with Mrs. Jackson's sister and husband, of Washington, D. C., who are there for a stay of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Glee Bridges and children are spending the week at Carolina Beach.

Miss Helen Dickson of the High Point school faculty has been visiting Mrs. E. W. Griffin.

WASHINGTON. — In the requests filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board for permits to operate special types of flying services there are applications to carry feed, flowers, drugs and associated commodities; general merchandise; a flyaway service to carry aircraft from producer to purchaser; fish and fish products, armored car service. The scope of these proposed operations is very wide, several embracing the whole United States.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Mrs. M. J. Allen, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina. This is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at Grover, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of July, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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LOOKING AHEAD
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Fear This
Political developments in England this summer have made a show, profitable for Americans to watch. Peace in Europe is really felt in England; terror and bloodshed ceased for a time—for a long time we hope. Britain's post-war problems are upon her and they are almost exactly like ours will be when our war is over in the Pacific. There is however one big difference.

The difference lies in what the working people think. British labor is socialistic, in large part; American labor is not. The British workers don't think they fared very well under the system in which private capital owned the factories and private management operated them in so-called competition. English laborers figure they would be better off if the government owned everything.

Workers Prosper
Workers in America still favor the system of free enterprise. Most of our labor is in favor of open competition. The reason is that working people in America see how they have fared all right with private enterprise. Labor leaders express themselves freely in favor of capitalism. Our workers probably will not turn against the American system since it has not turned against them.

Nobody has the working people of either country fooled. They have the truth in both cases. In England, labor has had a pretty shabby deal; in America the worker has lived well. The important question is this: British workers oppose capitalism and American workers favor it—can it be possible that they are talking about the same thing?

Have Same Name
Prior to World War II, the economic system in Britain was called private enterprise—same as in America. Moreover, the two were quite a little alike, at first glance, except that wages on this side of the ocean were high and American workers earned more than twice as much as the British workers, trade for trade. The difference was that private enterprise in Britain was not free.

Private enterprise in England was hog-tied. Competition there was not actually open. Wasteful monopolies operated within the law. Private business concerns were fenced in with legal restraints on this and government restrictions on that. What they had was government-bossed private enterprise. Business men couldn't make any money and therefore couldn't pay their workers.

Socialistic Labor
Working as hard as they could, British workers could not earn enough to live well. They needed new tools and modern methods so they could produce more; so their employers could pay them better, but the employers couldn't buy better tools. They were so restricted that they couldn't make any profit. Result: Labor unions formed a socialist party and now are bidding strongly for control of the government for the third time.

The same thing can happen here. America can keep free private enterprise and the prosperity that goes with it. With prosperity and progress, American firms can pay their workers well. But silly restrictions and heavy taxes can choke out profits. Without profits there will be no new tools, no progress, no better wages. Unhappy workers bring socialism. Socialism, nowhere in the world, has brought wages half as high as America now enjoys.

WASHINGTON. — The Air Transport Command recently used 27 transport planes to fly 18 locomotives from Miami to Burma when the speedy advance of the British demanded rapid expansion of transportation in North Burma.

WASHINGTON. — Six department stores have filed applications with the Civil Aeronautics Board for permission to operate airplane delivery service. All six propose to use helicopters and their area of proposed operations are within a 100 mile radius of Richmond, Washington, Boston, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and Chicago. Three want to transport passengers and property and three confine their operations to property and express.

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