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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. Proverbs 11:27.

City tax collections for 1945 are already 60 percent paid, which is an all-time high for advance payments. This is a good record.

Assuming that the activities of the local rationing board are to be consolidated with the Shelby board come October 1. It is not amiss to congratulate the local board members and board clerks in the handling of their duties. Undoubtedly, there are many people who have had trouble in getting what they wanted and needed from the local board, but it should be remembered that the board operated on directives from Washington, not by its own wishes. If the generally understanding attitude of local board personnel could be transmitted to the high-and-mighty district, regional and Washington circles, the OPA could be more effective and be assured of longer life. Many people feel that they could stand a little inflation to be rid of OPA red tape, which perhaps is looking at the hill in the distance and finding it green. But too much of this feeling will result in killing price regulations, with probable disastrous impact.

President Truman has cancelled his trip to Kings Mountain and that is unfortunate. However, plans are being discussed for a bang-up celebration next year, with presidential presence. The Herald would like to see the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain celebrated yearly in proper fashion.

As was to be expected, labor is cracking its whip, as evidenced by the many strikes all over the nation and particularly in the automobile center of Detroit. Labor demands a 30 percent wage increase, but undoubtedly doesn't expect more than a compromise. The results of the labor controversy in Detroit will have considerable effect on other regions as well.

Hotel Needed

A Kings Mountain citizen was heard to remark immediately after getting the news that President Truman was to visit Kings Mountain, "Well, I wonder where he'll stay. We certainly need a hotel."

He was right, we certainly do. As far as we know, there isn't a person in Kings Mountain who won't agree, but verbal agreement is about as far as folks go. They don't cotton to the idea of putting a little cash on the line to back up the talk.

The President's forthcoming visit merely emphasizes not only the city's need, but the fact that the city is ignoring and letting waste one of its greatest assets.

Kings Mountain, with its name is permanently linked with the famous battleground, than which there is no more historical spot in the United States.

A nation-wide advertising program could promote Kings Mountain to a must-list travel spot within a few years. Naturally, there should be no advertising without something to offer in the way of accommodation to tourists.

Within a short time, an up-to-date hotel would not only be an asset to the city, but it would also become a paying investment for those who build it.

The Jan Prime Minister would have the United States forget Pearl Harbor. Gee, they still have gall, don't they!

The probe of Pearl Harbor by the Congressional committee may be worthwhile. However, there are 10 politicians on the investigating group, six Democrats and four Republicans. And most folks will be surprised if the committee members can get politics and stick to facts. Unless the committee does this the report will serve only to add to the confusion in the minds of the people.

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(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)

By Martin Harmon

Points

The word "point" has been an important part of the American language for a long time, and I dare say it is one of the first words babies learn to say, learn the meaning of, and learn to do.

Now "point" is a very valuable word, both in noun and verb forms, and in the past few months the plural of the noun form has become perhaps the most important word in the English vocabulary for some 12,000,000 servicemen, plus their wives, parents, sweethearts, etc. Never has the word known such popularity, or, in many cases, disgust and disappointment.

The popular question these days is, "How many points you got?", its variation, "Has Jim enough points to get out?", or similar versions.

Undoubtedly, thousands of pencils in Kings Mountain alone have been ground down to the nub figuring these infernal little credits the army and navy have adopted for service. The navy, of course, always unique, has made it embarrassing for folks who have trouble with fractions. The blue boy brass hats put it on a landed-gentry propositions by figuring half-points and quarter-points. Only full cipher the Navy uses is 10 points for a dependent or dependents.

Naturally, the point systems will create injustices, as all arbitrary figuring, like taxes, can never be 100 percent equitable. Somebody is going to get stuck.

But Bill Logan, home on leave, is in it up to his neck. Bill, a first lieutenant, needs 85 points to qualify for point-route discharge from the army. At present, he can figure only 80. This would be too-close-and-yet-too-far under ordinary circumstances, but to make it worse, Bill, who saw plenty of action during the demise of the Hitler gang, turned down a couple of clusters to his first Purple Heart for wounds in battle. Each cluster would count five points each, which would put him in discharge territory with room to spare. Both wounds were just nicks, Bill says, from artillery fragments, and barely met the test for Purple Heart consideration. The test: (They both drew blood.) But Bill told the medicos to report them briar scratches, or something like that, to avoid the family-bound telegrams which would report him wounded. Bill admits he made a mistake. "And, you know," he adds, "this outfit I'm with now likes me better than any I've ever been in before."

Carl Finger, also home from Europe, slipped in unawares. Getting away from the monotony of asking his point total, I asked, "What are your chances of getting out?" "Mighty good," he replied, "I've been out since 11:30 yesterday morning. And that little gold discharge button is the prettiest medal the army gives."

To do a little research work on the exact meaning of this now-famous word, I opened Mr. Webster's volume of light and learning, but today's Herald is hardly large enough to fully cover the subject. In this nine-year old edition, there are no less than 38 meanings given for the noun "point," plus 35 examples, eight definitions of the transitive verb, and three definitions of the intransitive verb.

Here are a few of them: "A small cape, headland or promontory," "the stem of an epigram," "a characteristic," "a hint," "the action of a pointer in thrusting his tail straight out when he scents game," "a unit of measurement for type," "to direct toward an object," etc., etc.

But Mr. Webster, with all of his full-page type about this interesting word, says nothing about the army and navy point systems. Evidently it's these systems are new concoctions, without historical background. Undoubtedly the new volumes will have a full discussion of them, but it would take an encyclopedia to really do them justice.

Estimate On 1945 Cotton Crop Down

RALEIGH. — Cotton prospects in North Carolina declined 6 per cent during the month of August and production is now indicated to be 35 per cent less than a year ago. Abandonment of acreage is reported to be comparatively light despite the fact that continued excessive rains have caused unfavorable growth and conditions in many sections, according to Clyde Z. Willis, statistician with the Crop Reporting Service of the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture.

10 Years Ago

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

Two sisters, who have been dealing with and serving the public for over 40 years, are about to retire from business. They are Mrs. W. P. Hulton and Miss Gussie Beatty, two of Kings Mountain's best known women.

Johnny Lackey's filling station on Kings street was robbed for the second time recently on Saturday night. Two brothers, Isom and Manse Wingo, colored, were arrested by local police officers and Deputy Sheriff, and charged with robbery.

The enrollment of the City schools of Kings Mountain showed an increase over the very high enrollment of last year, according to figures released today by Professor B. N. Barnes, superintendent.

Messrs D. E. and C. E. Cash are announcing in this issue of the Herald rules for the naming of the new theatre which is being erected on the West side of Railroad avenue.

Paul E. Moss, known in athletic circles as "Big Pete," will coach Kings Mountain high school athletic teams for the current season.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bennett, a daughter, at their home on Waco road, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Mollie Falls, of Bowling Green, S. C., is visiting Mrs. W. S. Dilling this week.

Mike Milam, who has been manager of the down-town Home Store for sometime has been transferred to Rock Hill, S. C. Lancy Dettmar will succeed Mr. Milam as manager of the local store.

Miss Mattie Logan has returned from an extended stay in Charleston, S. C., where she was the guest of friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gault visited Mrs. Gault's parents in Maiden on Sunday.

Miss Mary Foust Plonk leaves this week for Boston where she will be a student at the Conservatory of Music.

LEDFORD ON LUZON

Pvt. William E. T. Ledford, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ledford and husband of the former Miss Flora Herndon, has arrived in Luzon in the Philippines, according to information received here. In service since February 14, he is serving in a replacement company.

Revenue Department Seeks 5,000 Tax Men

The Bureau of Internal Revenue needs approximately 5,000 revenue agents and special investigators, and hopes to obtain many in this area. Pleas M. Sawyer, Revenue Agent in Charge, Guilford Building, Greensboro, N. C., announced today.

This drive is being conducted in cooperation with the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Preference will be given discharged servicemen in all cases. Others will be employed to the extent that qualified servicemen can not be obtained.

The revenue agents' positions will pay \$2,980, \$3,640, \$4,300 and \$5,180 a year depending upon education and experience. For the lowest grade position, completion of an acceptable accounting course can qualify an applicant. For the higher positions responsible experience in accounting is required. So far as possible, agents will be given work in their home areas.

There are also openings for special agents and for deputy collector. Special agents are being recruited at starting salaries of \$2,980 and \$3,640. The qualifications required for special agents are similar to those required for revenue agents, except that investigative and legal training and experience can be substituted for accounting. Positions for deputy collectors, at \$2,320 per year, are available for applicants whose business experience or training does not qualify them for revenue agent or special agent.

The new personnel is required to carry on the Treasury Department's intensified campaign against tax evasion.

Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson has directed vigorous steps to speed up the recruitment drive with special emphasis upon the recruitment of ex-servicemen.

Lincoln Academy Man Is Awarded Degree

Curtis F. McDowell, Lincoln Academy, Kings Mountain, was among the 244 students to receive degrees from the University of Chicago at 3 p. m. Friday, Sept. 4, in the summer convocation in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

McDowell was granted a doctor of jurisprudence degree in the university's 222nd convocation.

North Carolina farm women are asked to accelerate the collecting of used cooking fats to offset the most critical fats and oils shortage in the nation's history.

Survey Shows Farm Prices Are Higher

RALEIGH. — The State Agriculture Department's index of farm prices for various commodities shows that in North Carolina on August 1, corn averaged \$1.48 per bushel, wheat, \$1.65; rye, \$1.73; chickens, 31 cents per pound; eggs, 46 cents per dozen; Irish potatoes, \$1.90 per bushel, butter, 42 cents per pound; hogs, \$13.90 per hundred; lambs, \$13 per hundred; beef cattle, \$10.60 per hundred pounds; veal calves, \$13.40 per hundred.

Wheat was up two cents per bushel over the previous month; rye, up one cent; eggs, up 4.3 cents per dozen; butter, up two cents per pound; Irish potatoes, up 29 cents per bushel.

As war ended, prices throughout the nation were 104 per cent above average (1909-1914 level).

Standard Oil Returns To 40-Hour Work Week

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — All operations of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in North Carolina will return to a 40-hour week according to an announcement by J. Laurens Wright, Division Manager. At the same time all employees will be granted an increase of 10 percent of the present basic wage rates. This is in addition to the 5 percent in basic wage rates which became effective Sept. 1.

In addition to this reduction in working hours and increase in basic rates, Mr. Wright announced that the Company would revert to its pre-war policy of observing seven holidays per year. Employees who work on any of these seven holidays will receive double time instead of time and a half which has been paid under Federal Regulations during the war.

The Company's vacation policy has also been liberalized. Hereafter any employee who has completed one year of continuous employment and who resigns or is laid off and who has not taken his vacation shall receive full vacation pay. In any subsequent year an employee who resigns or is laid off after completing six months work and who has not taken his vacation shall receive full vacation pay. If the employee is laid off or resigns before completing six months work he shall receive an amount equivalent to one-half vacation pay.

These changes follow recent negotiations between Company management and representatives of the employees in accord with the renewed right of employers and employees to bargain on wage increases so long as the result does not increase prices of products.



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