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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city. Ecclesiastes 7:19.

As the Herald predicted, Kings Mountain did the expected and exceeded its Red Cross quota. Congratulations are thus in order to Chairman J. E. Herndon, his co-workers and each person who gave to this worthy fund. Particularly, the Herald wishes to commend the negro citizens of the Kings Mountain community for their response to this call. It shows a community consciousness on the part of our colored citizens which is indicative of better things to come from them and for them. Principal argument between the North and the South over the so-called Negro problem has been that the North wishes to force equality without concurrent requiring of responsibility. The two go hand in hand, and as the colored citizen, though educational advancement, begins to accept his responsibility as a citizen, he will find his rights as a United States citizen are being infringed upon less and less.

Remain Strong

President Truman, in his Army day speech in Chicago, called for the nation to remain strong as the only sure method of preserving peace. This was much less a crystal ball speech than it was one drawn from history. Unfortunately, man, though progressing by leaps and bounds in the business of technological improvement, science and easier living, has not progressed much morally. He still understands the law of force and power better than any other. Mr. Truman's plea is logical. The United States, for years committed to peace, with no imperialistic aims, must remain strong to gain respect for its views—which are likely to balance the scales between international calm and strife.

The extension of a peace-time draft is hardly the answer, it seems, but may be best until the situation levels off. As a permanent policy, the Herald is inclined to favor a year's compulsory military training for boys completing high school. There are naturally parental objections to such a program, but a year's military training and discipline would be beneficial to the majority of American youth. Regardless of the month, America should never again seek peace through weakness, as she did following World War I.

Way Of Suicide

The National Association of Manufacturers contends that the best way to prevent inflation is to destroy price controls and encourage production.

Government agencies estimate that there is a demand for 17 million new cars and that at best 1946 production will reach around three million cars.

If six people try to buy every new car there will be a tremendous pressure on prices fixed by OPA. There is no telling where the prices would go if the controls were abolished and permission given for cars to be sold for what the market offers.

When production catches up with demand, the danger of inflation will vanish. But to remove price controls before production equals demand will be suicidal for the nation's economy. —Smithfield Herald.

Folks who have tried to build anything lately will tell you its cheaper in the long run to buy something already built—even if the premium does seem outlandish.

Our congratulations to the Cleveland Times, which is now being published twice each week. The management feels that it can best serve the readers and customers by twice-weekly publication, and it deserves congratulations as a forward step.

The announcement by Glee Bridges that he will again be a candidate for the county board of commissioners will be well-received by the majority of Kings Mountain citizens who are glad to see a Kings Mountain citizen in the county board.

School Athletics

Kings Mountain high school's baseball team has begun the season on a rather disastrous note, with two rather bad shakelings, and even though such was expected, the pleasantness thereof is not increased.

This community, for many years, has been regarded as a sports-loving one, and in years past, has had some excellent organizations.

The benefits of school athletics are many, from developing students physically and building character to building school spirit, both among students and townspeople.

Obviously, what is required is more attention by school officials to its athletic program.

Undoubtedly lack of a suitable place to play has hampered the program, but many remember the days when a vacant field was the only gridiron or diamond in town.

Many homes in Kings Mountain are under-going spring cleaning. Business firms would do well to do the same, giving attention to their surroundings as well. The result would be a more livable community.

The members of the two Women's Club groups are to be commended on their successful solicitation to bring the North Carolina Symphony here. Needless to say, their's was not the most popular appeal for funds. However, the community will be benefited by the inroad of good music.

Neighbors Gastonia and Shelby, and many other towns and cities throughout the state are preparing zoning ordinances and getting their houses in order for the building boom already beginning. Can it be that Kings Mountain has no need for such a step, impossible.

10 Years Ago

THIS WEEK  
Items of news taken from the 1936 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The annual declamation contest for grammar school boys will be held Friday evening, with the winner to receive the Neisler medal. Representatives of the three grammar schools are: Central—D. F. Hord, Jr., A. G. Sargeant, Jr., and Fred Lovin; East school—Harvey Laughter, Wibbur Jones, and Carmen Barnett; West school—Eugene Mathis, George Allen, Ben Goforth, Jr.

Considerable damage was done to Hord Furniture company Friday morning by fire. Most of the damage was caused by smoke and water. The main building was not damaged, but all the loss was confined to the building used mainly for storage which adjoins the main building.

The high school glee club under the direction of Miss Emma Rice won first place in the district contest held at Lenoirville last Saturday and it will represent the district in the state contest to be held in Greensboro at an early date.

The town council, in their regular meeting Monday night, instructed Mayor J. E. Herndon to wire the State Highway commission requesting that the road from Kings Mountain to Grover be resurfaced with concrete rather than with tar and gravel. A crew from the State Highway department has been in Kings Mountain since the first part of the week waiting for the weather to clear up so that the road could be repaired.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Prof. and Mrs. B. N. Barnes spent the week-end in Washington, D. C. Robert Miller and Fred Finger spent the week end in Richmond, and Chester, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Falls and children have returned from Duneedin, Fla., where they spent the winter.

Mrs. P. D. Patrick is spending some time in Florence, S. C., where she is visiting her mother.

J. E. Garvin left Sunday for Burlington, where he has accepted a position.

Mice Evict Farmer From Own Orchard

John T. Wall of Lilesville, Anson County, knows how it feels to be dispossessed.

Field mice have literally evicted Wall from his own orchard, 60 acres of what had been fine apple trees in the only commercial orchard in the county.

During the 1946 planting season, according to a report by Assistant Anson County Agent Clarence Earley, it was necessary to replace about 200 trees throughout the orchard. It was discovered in moving dead trees that mice had caused the damage.

"About four years ago," Earley said, "Mr. Wall began to lose trees. Losses continued for two years until he found that mice were at the bottom of it. The infestation of mice is quite heavy, especially on the sandy soils where it is easier for the rodents to dig in under trees, make beds and feed from the tree roots.

In 1944 the entire orchard was littered with strychnine-treated oats and results in dead mice were good. There were virtually no mice last year, but because of short labor, the orchard was not treated and again the rodents moved in killing the trees.

martin's medicine

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

Republican Speakin'

This is very bad to admit, but I did it last Friday night. Made a 70-mile round trip to hear a Republican speak. His name was Harold Stassen.

Actually, it wasn't so bad. It was the first time I had seen the very beautiful Winthrop college campus, been in its nice auditorium which seats 3,000, or seen the fresh fragrance of so much feminine youth in a long, long time. And Stassen wasn't bad either, though a perusal of his text would indicate that he has no argument with the foreign policy of the Truman (Democratic, you know) administration.

Mr. Stassen is a good speaker. Though he does not come up to the vocal greatness of the old master, FDR, he's about the next best thing, his words sounding far different from the rasping twang of the late Wendell Wilkie, and with no resemblance to the Dewey-prosecutor type. Mr. Stassen uses his good diction, platform ease and command of the King's English to convey the impression that here is a good solid American citizen, brimming over with frankness, and hardly any kin to the prototype politician, who majors in bombast, mud, half-truths, innuendo and subterfuge.

It was a right nice STAG party the five of us had, with four bat-chalors and one married man along. Yes, you guessed it. The married man was the Republican of the group.

I am rather loathe to mention those who went along as they are not happy about publicizing it. Mike Milan, for instance, says he might want to return to South Carolina some day and run for office. The fact that he attended a speakin', featuring a Republican, might cause complications concerning his Democratic regularity. Incidentally, Mike went along in an anti-mood—against anyone on Halsey's staff, as was Stassen in the navy. Mike thinks Admiral Bull's publicity staff did a better job than MacArthur's.

Others in the party were Tolly Shafford, chauffeur, William Flenk, front-seat navigator, and Fred Finger and I, back-seat drivers.

Other Kings Mountain folks who heard Mr. Stassen were Ector Harrill and Marian Patterson. We were sitting on the front row of the balcony, and all of sudden there was a tap on the back and it was Brother Harrill. He was sitting downstairs and we haven't yet figured out how he knew we were topside. Mrs. Harrill and Leone Patterson were along but they saw a movie. They denied it was traditional Democratic up-bringing, though.

Several jokes were passed in the introduction by President Sims, of Winthrop, who compared Stassen's appearance with the Reader's Digest shot son-in-law story. It seems a man had brought a young chap, whom he had shot in the leg, to the doctor. The latter, inquiring about the wound, found out that the boy had been shot the day before and that he was the man's son-in-law. "But, why," the doctor asked, "did you shoot your son-in-law?" "He wasn't my son-in-law when I shot him," was the reply.

Mr. Stassen spoke mostly about international cooperation, endorsed the UNO, explained many of its problems and workings, favored economic aid in the form of loans to Britain and others, with concurrent gradual elimination of trade barriers, said he hoped UNO would take over control of atomic basic materials deposits, and, his most far-reaching proposal, advocated the formation of a school of diplomacy, for the training of state department employees.

The group of us came away from booming Rock Hill rather much with the hope that the Republican party makes Mr. Stassen its presidential nominee in '48. Not that he could get more than one vote out of us five, but because we felt Mr. Stassen is among the best of the Republican possibilities. The theoretical basis of the two-party system is that both parties, seeking victory, nominate their best possible men. Whoever wins, the nation cannot lose. But Mr. Stassen has a long row to hoe. His most difficult campaign will be conquering the powerful reactionary element in his own party, which now has a saw-his-trickle on the GOP.

Before the speaking, I ran into a lad named Lewis, ex-army, who'd been a passenger on my ship when we did the African invasion job. It was the first time I'd seen a member of his crew since we parted.

LOOKING AHEAD  
By GEORGE S. BENSON  
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Recognition

Gratitude has been defined bitterly as a lively anticipation of future favors. Gratitude is a great deal more than that, but it's a fact that people do much more, also much better, when they know their efforts are appreciated. Genuine appreciation goes unexpressed sometimes, but people who don't express their gratitude are sure to miss some desirable future favors.

Unselfish things people do for their country, for their home community, family or church, are not rightly done for praise. In fact, people who do noble things with glory as the primary aim quite often miss the target. Shouts of hurrah for a hero help other people more than they help him. The effect is to inspire everybody to greater public service.

The Danville Idea

Danville, Ill., cashes in on this powerful influence. The Commercial-News, a Danville daily newspaper, keeps the idea alive. Every Monday morning the paper carries a story about some citizen who has performed a noteworthy public service. He is designated the "Man of the Week," and the article tells why. It tells what the man did and other interesting things about him. Selections are always on a basis of public service, not personal achievement. Some ambitious young underwriter who sells his first million-dollar insurance policy is not necessarily a Man of the Week, although he probably feels pretty successful. Danville's Man of the Week must have done something big for Danville and, like as not, received no commission on it.

A One-Man Program

The weekly selection, the biographical sketch of some good citizen every Monday, the repeated reminder of what a fine thing it is to be unselfish and thoughtful, keeps Danville's wide awake citizens "on their toes." They never let a good man down. The newspaper learns of praiseworthy achievements because somebody always writes to the editor and tells him.

The articles are written by a modest scribe who signs his name Bob Poisall no title after it. Incidentally, Bob picks the Man of the Week every time. He does it without help or advice from staff or board. Usually he selects a man of Danville, Vermillion County, but there is no rule. If the town's benefactor lives somewhere else he's not barred.

An Annual Banquet

Every year Mr. Poisall plans and organizes a dinner with all trimmings and invites his 52 selected men to eat with him. The Men of the Week Banquet has become quite an institution in Danville since April, 1940. There are not always just 52 men present. Once in a while Bob has a hard time deciding which of two good men to choose and ends by naming both of them. The moral to this story is so perfectly obvious that I am going to surprise you and not mention it. Once I attended Bob's banquet—a completely American function. I met 52 good men and true, most of whom were still surprised that what they did should be considered great. Maybe every town can't have one but it's a constructive project for any community where there is a man who has the knack.

1942, when we sailed out of Algiers, Lewis said he stood on the dock and watched the ship leave the harbor. With no cargo, the big screw which propelled the ship, was half out of the water. Each time it turned, he said, his heart got heavier and Rock Hill moved further away. Incidentally, he's now in the lumber business and his firm has been shipping a little stuff to Deacon Peeler here. I told him we were plumb out and needed some help, though he gave no guarantee he could help.

NOTICE  
NORTH CAROLINA,  
CLEVELAND COUNTY.  
In The Superior Court.

Farris Leigh, Plaintiff.

vs.

Albert Leigh, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cleveland County, North Carolina, wherein the plaintiff seeks a divorce from the defendant; that said defendant will also take notice that he is required to appear at the Clerk of Court's Office in the Courthouse in Shelby, North Carolina, on or before the 6th day of May, 1946, then and there to answer or demur to the complaint now on file in the Clerk's Office in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 5th day of April, 1946.  
E. A. Houser, Jr.  
Clerk Superior Court.  
a-11-18-25-m-2-H

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified, as administrator for the estate of Stacy Carroll, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to file same with the undersigned on or before March 27, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 27th day of March, 1946.  
William I. Carroll,  
Administrator of the estate of Stacy Carroll, deceased.  
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