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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. St. John 10:1.

School Opening

Though there is always plenty of hot weather left when school bells start ringing, there is nothing more indicative of quickly approaching fall than opening of schools, and that is not long off-maybe.

School officials have been quite successful with the difficult job of obtaining teachers and last week reported only two vacancies. But now the officials must find quarters for at least 10 of these teachers, if school is to open on schedule.

It seems amazing in a way that only five rooms bar the way to regular launching of the school program, but that is the situation.

Naturally, many persons prefer to live in their own homes, alone, and none can blame them. Also, some complain that "outsiders" are inconsiderate, etc.

However, the important fact is that quarters are needed badly and it would seem that a little more definite understanding between home owners and their nine-months tenants, along the lines of what is expected of considerable unnecessary dissatisfaction, each, would serve to eliminate con-

School opening, too, reminds that the teaching profession is still among the lowest paid work available, which is the reason that much teaching work is available. A maximum of \$162 per month for nine months does not multiply into the type of remuneration a college-trained teacher deserves. And unless a teacher can live during the summer months with friends or parents on a free basis, the teacher is likely to find very little opportunity to save a meager portion of that meager pay.

White Cane Sale

The Lions club here, in cooperation with other clubs all over the state will conduct a white cane sale on August 30, 31, for the benefit of the state's blind.

Few of us can fail to imagine the plight of a person who has suffered the loss of his eyesight.

The fact that persons who are unable to see can be trained to get some enjoyment out of living, as well as to serve as useful and productive citizens of the community is reason enough for support of this sale, not to mention the charitable reason of helping someone less fortunate.

Think of this when you are asked to buy a white cane tag.

Earl Ruth has served out his term as Kings Mountain's recreation director and has departed for Catawba college. The Herald believes that Mr. Ruth did a quite acceptable job in getting the recreation program underway, for his work was done under severe handicaps. (1) launching a new program, (2) with quite limited facilities. The Herald wishes him well in his new undertakings.

The federal government has received a tidy sum in recent months from citizens who suddenly discovered that they had failed to pay sufficient income tax. It has also received a much larger sum from others where Treasury detectives ferreted out cases showing abject fraud. He may have a bit less of worldly goods, but the smart citizen will see that Uncle Sam gets his checks in sufficient amount.

Send in your check for your 1946-47 membership in the North Carolina Symphony Society. Whereas last year's concert here was a relatively small portion of the symphony, it was beneficial to the hearers, and during the forthcoming season a larger support should bring a better concert, presented by a more experienced orchestra. Music is an important factor in the culture of any community.

Congratulations to the officers of the Inter-Denominational Youth Council, who were recently elected. Organizations of this type will make future inter-church relations much better and bring about a welding of individual groups.

GI Democrats

Political eyebrows throughout the state were raised when news of the organization of North Carolina GI Democrats was published.

Some 50 men, representing all but two of the state's congressional districts (the eleventh was one exception) officially banded together under a 14-point platform, and announced that they would work for these aims through the existing Democratic party.

Since the announcement, editorial comments from papers all over the state have been made, and the comments varied from endorsement to voiced suspicion that the organization was simply a front for advancement of personal political ambitions.

Inside information from the meeting to the Herald gives the word that Buncombe county a delegation was the largest and did much of the talking, and with some grounds since this group was the "removing factor" in last spring's Democratic primary. This group slowed the old, smooth Buncombe Democratic machine to a walk, helped defeat Congressman Zeb Weaver and elected several candidates of its very own.

The inroad of veterans into politics will be interesting to watch. A vigorous leadership, based first on principles formed from a basic interest in the welfare of all, will mean further progress for progressing North Carolinians.

Should personal ambition alone dominate the group, it will falter and fail, as it should.

But politically the big question will be: Can this individual group elect its own candidates? Labor has never yet been able to accomplish this political feat. The GI's are bigger than labor. Citizens generally will watch the growth and activities of this group with keen interest.

Just when things seem to be settling on the labor front, that fellow Ruether starts talking again. If labor runs amuck again, all reason for continuing OPA will be gone, and the inflation spiral will really be on the boom.

The Herald is inclined to agree with Mayor J. H. Thoason on the draft board consolidation business. That he saw fit to protest the consolidation of the Cleveland boards was indicative of his interest in the welfare of citizens of this area.

10 Years Ago

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

Kings Mountain's first tennis tournament is about all over. Only the semi-finals and the finals are yet to be played. All of the players have been eliminated but Bus Oats, L. M. Logan, Jr., Slim Rhyne, Luther Cansler, and Jim Littlejohn.

The D. F. Ford Furniture company will give away a R. C. A. radio at the Imperial Theatre next Wednesday night, Aug. 28th. In connection with the giving away of the radio a stage show is to be presented featuring Miss Billy Walker and her Texas Longhorns from the R. C. A. Victor radio program, WBT, Charlotte.

Kings Mountain will play host to its first circus of the season tomorrow Friday, when Barnett Bros. big three ring aggregation will be here for a one-day engagement.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Lester Hoke was hostess to the members of the Study club and a number of invited guests on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Williams entertained at a lovely and enjoyable party Saturday afternoon at her home complimenting Mrs. William Ford of Cramer ton before her recent marriage, Miss Dorothy Kiser of this city.

Miss Mary McCaslin was honoree at a picnic lunch last Sunday the affair planned by Miss Louise Goforth and given on the lovely picnic ground near her home.

Miss Rachel Goforth entertained a few friends on last Friday evening at the home of her mother on Piedmont avenue.

The guests included: Misses Jeanette Crawford, Eva Mae Sauer, Mary Sue McGinnis, Irene Campbell and Frances Goforth; Wendell Phifer, Wray Plonk, Clarence Smith, Grady Cansler, Frank Howell, and Jack Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick are spending the week at Montreat.

Miss Dorothy Patterson was a visitor in Belmont last week.

Miss Virginia Parsons was a recent visitor in Mocksville.

Mr. T. A. Pollock has returned from a trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Osborne have moved into their new home at West Gold street.

Mr. Harold Coggins, manager of the Kings Mountain Furniture Co., is leaving this week on his vacation.

Mrs. O. E. Long returned to her home in Council last week after a few days with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Plonk and children A. Macon, Ga., are visiting Mrs. E. S. Plonk and family.

Mrs. L. A. Kiser, and Miss Ozell Kiser, were visitors in Hickory last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Falkerson and

martin's medicine

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

Criticism

This topic ought to be duck soup for a newspaper man, for it's one of his chief stocks in trade, but it would do just as well for an essay for 99 percent of the world, for just about everyone indulges in it. It just varies individually on a percentage basis.

Naturally, there's much to criticize — sins of commission and sins of omission, and it's hard to know which comes in for the biggest share. If someone does do something he catches it. If he doesn't there are still plenty of snappers.

To get the full and correct meaning of the title of this concoction I visited Dr. Webster's department and learned quite a bit. Mr. Webster put "Criticism" on a more scientific basis, for example, judging a piece of literature on its merits. He only gave limited attention to the definition most people (and I) would have given it. To wit: finding fault.

A quotation of Pope in Mr. Webster's big book intrigued me and sent me looking to another spot. It read: "Cavil you may, but never criticize. The word cavil (accent on the first syllable) means 'to raise captious objections; to find fault without any good reason.'"

For the meaning frequently given to our old friend "criticize."

But that makes little difference.

There are many kinds of criticism, including, good, bad, indifferent, vocal, written, high, low, constructive, destructive, and unquestionably many more. Of course, if you're on the receiving end, it's a good thing to avoid criticism, and it may very well be good to avoid criticism on the giving side.

There are several ways to look at this many-sided, many-shaded subject. On the one hand, a person who criticizes occasionally establishes himself and his beliefs. People know what he thinks. If they agree, they are likely to look upon the critic as a man of wisdom.

However, it is never good policy to criticize all the time. For then, he will be classified under the term "old sorehead," and his views, even when and if right, will be discounted. Perfection is impossible, and, like loyalty, honesty, truthfulness and the other abstract qualities, is largely a matter of degree.

One who never criticizes (if there is any such animal) is likely to be of a very drab sort.

Unfortunately, few have the happy faculty of being able to criticize and be able to stay in the good graces of the criticized. Frequently this is due to the manner of criticism, plus the ego of the critic. When hearing a choice bit of criticism via second, third, or fourth hand, the reply is likely to be, "You mean he said that about ME?" There is seldom any thought or wonderment that the critic might be right.

Criticism doesn't always have to be expressed in a lot of words, for frequently one word or phrase is quite sufficient and in such general use that the full meaning is portrayed. Thus when an older man is criticized it is perhaps merely "Old Foggy." When a younger person is criticized, it may be one of several along the lines of "That young upstart," or "whippersnapper." For a crooked business operator who majors in fine-print contracts and scheming deals "Snake in the grass" often suffices. And reverting to a column of a few weeks back, the epithet "Gossip" carries a world of meaning and covers a multitude of idle chatter about somebody else's business.

There are unquestionably others which you can think of and they are just as accepted and apropos. But some of 'em wouldn't be fit to print.

Miss Fairy Grace Patterson attended the Charlotte-Virginia game in Charlotte last Friday.

Miss May Plonk, who has been on an extended visit with relatives in Reidsville and Hemp, has returned home.

Mr. Mike Milam, manager of the Home Store on Mountain street, is on a vacation trip to Washington and New York.

Deliveries of war products by General Motors from the beginning of the defence program through 1945 aggregated \$12, 221, 788, 412.

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NOTICE OF SALE
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
 COUNTY OF CLEVELAND.
 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
 Callie Mae Hendricks, et al,
 Petitioners

vs.
 Violet Morris Yates, et al,
 Defendants
 Under and by virtue of an order by E. A. Houser, Clerk of the Superior Court for Cleveland County in the proceeding entitled, "Callie Mae Hendricks, et al, vs. Violet Morris Yates, et al," for a resale, the former bids having been raised, the undersigned will resell for cash on the premises, the lots hereinafter described at public auction on Saturday, August 24th, 1946, at ten o'clock A. M. the following lots:

Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, bidding will begin at \$316.80.
 Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16, bidding will begin at \$330.00.
 Lots 17 and 18, bidding will begin at \$176.00.

Lots 19, 20, 21, and 22, bidding will begin at \$418.00.
 Lots 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, bidding will begin at \$275.00.

All of the above lots are situated on the south side of Morris street in the Town of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, as shown on a plat recorded in plat book 2 at page 93, in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County.

Lots 28 and 27, bidding will begin at \$200.20.
 Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 bidding will begin at \$500.50.

All of the above lots are situated on the North side of Morris street in the Town of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, as shown on a plat recorded in plat book 2 at page 93, in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County.

This the 1st day of August, 1946.
 Albert Morris, Commissioner.
 J. R. Davis, Atty. a-15-22-D

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