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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight. Proverbs 12:22.

Thanksgiving 1946

Back when the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving Day first became an annual event, the people simply gave devout thanks for the good of the preceding

What do we have to be thankful for in 1946?

Hardly John L. Lewis, who is trying to get himself put in jail and thus become a martyr to the coal miners and labor generally;

Hardly the widening rift between [illegible] United States, which, if it is not healed [illegible] result in world destruction;

Hardly the large number of accidents that result from carelessness on the highways and mean many deaths;

Hardly the greed of man which, basically, is the cause of man's ills and misfortunes.

But there is much to be thankful for in 1946.

Few families are separated, with a few at home and others mareaing to battle, and those few which are separated can be happy in the knowledge that guns are not being fired except in shooting matches;

In America, a tleast, there is plenty to eat, though the turkey dinner and trimmings may average eight dollars plus per family and though the accent may be off the sweets;

There are no breadlines of the early thirties;

In spite of its organizational troubles, the United Nations has a better chance to succeed than the League of Nations.

The tendency of man is to be dissatisfied with the present, either looking ahead to better days, or looking back into those which seemed better.

In spite of troubles, international and national, local and personal, an unbiased consideration of the situation must show that there is plenty to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day 1946.

The business half-holidays are over for 1946, and to accommodate the public for Christmas shopping merchants will be open all day Wednesdays from now through Christmas. The half-holiday became popular during the thirties as a means of giving employees of retailers a little more free time, and the idea has continued to spread. First the small towns adopted the plan and it has now been adopted by merchants in many of the larger cities. Though there remain a few who do not like the practice, the majority find there is little inconvenience to the public, and that as much work can be accomplished in five and one-half days as six. And the employees appreciate it greatly.

Unfortunately, the Congressional system of seniority sometimes results in important committee chairmanships falling in the hands of relatively inefficient and unthinking Congressmen—men who, if they had to be elected from any other district but the one in which they live, would never make the grade. Thus, the chairman-to-be of the House Ways and Means committee which initiates tax legislation. His pronouncements concerning a 20 percent cut in income taxes have already embarrassed the thinking members of the Republican party. Senator Taft, who has never been popular with the Herald, must nevertheless be given credit for his statement that the GOP should first get the budget balanced, then talk tax cuts. A big debt must be funded, and it is silly to cut taxes at a time when citizens can best afford to pay them. The cuts should be saved for the rainy day.

It was a nice gesture the Merchants Association and Jaycees tendered the members of the football squad at last Friday night's homecoming game and finale of the regular season. The team has worked hard and given the fans some several thrills over the course of the past nine weeks.

Our congratulations to Henry Neisler and David Neill who have been honored by being chosen for membership in the Davidson college Beaver club.

Attend to it at once! Send back your $2.00 for Christmas seals.

Vanishing American?

Vanishing American is the title applied to the American Indian, but it might be applied aptly these days to the familiar family physician known as the general practitioneer, the man who could do everything from setting broken bones to delivering babies and a hundred other services in between.

Of course, he has not completely vanished, thankfully, but his number is growing smaller.

Here in Kings Mountain we have four practicing physicians whi will fall in that category, only four for a population area of a minimum of 12,000 people. And during the war the number was only two.

Ask the average young doctor these days about his plans. Usually the answer will be that he has plans to specialize, in surgery, and one of its many specialized departments. At the very least he will not be considering hanging out his M. D. sign in a community without a hospital.

The result is that many areas are completely without a physician. Ill residents must wait while a doctor is summoned from a distance of 15 miles, or more.

Among the six objectives of the North Carolina medical care plan which will be offered to the General Assembly is this one: a medical education loan fund to help worthy North Carolina young men and women who pledge themselves to practice in a rural community for four years.

should assure eventual alleviation of the present problems in this respect.

All of which is an indirect way of congratulating W. K. Mauney on his acceptance of the Cleveland county chairmanship of the Good Health association. The Herald offers its support to Chairman Mauney in his efforts to acquaint Cleveland citizens with the medical needs of the state.

Our best wishes to the new directors of the Country club. The Herald believes they will be able to look back on a "job well-done" by the end of their term.

10 Years Ago

THIS WEEK

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

Stockholders of the Dilling Mill in a meeting here Tuesday accepted the offer of $125,000 by the Phenix Mill Co. for the mill property. At the auction sale conducted here Monday at noon Mr. Earle Hamrick, of Shelby, president of the Phenix Mill Co., made the highest and last bid on the property.

St. Matthew's congregation will hold its Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving morning at 9:30 at the ARP church. The heating plant at the Lutheran church is being repaired and will be ready before Sunday.

Qualifying for Tenderfoot at the regular monthly meeting of the Boy Scout Court of Honor were Eugene Mathis, Jimmy Willis, Marion White, R. L. Hensley, Dean Payne, Ernest Huffstetler and Stonewall Walker.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Fannie Carpenter was a delightful hostess, entertaining at her home on East Mountain street last Saturday afternoon, complimenting Miss Jennie Lee Kerr, whose marriage to Mr. George Davis of Birmingham, Ala., and Charlotte, was solemnized this week.

Master John Kidd Houston enteretined a few of his young friends at a dinner party in celebration of his 12th birthday, Friday the 13th. Covers were laid for John Kidd Houston, Billy Gene Neisler, James Alexander, George Thomasson, Buddy Rawls and Hoppe Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Falls and two children left this week for Dunedin, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

Miss Alice McKelvey is returning to her home in Lawrenceville, Ga., this week after an extended visit with her cousin, Mrs. M. A. Ware.

AAF Vets Asked To Report Addresses

Pope Field. — In an effort to obtain the latest addresses of former AAF members in this community, Air Force headquarters has distributed postcards to places where ex-air force men and women can obtain them conveniently, as part of a huge distribution project known as "Operation Roger."

According to work received by Pope Field headquarters, the Civil Air Patrol and the Boy Scouts of America have distributed 15,000,000 postcards in a nationwide effort to obtain the up-to-date addresses of all former AAF veterans so that they can be kept informed of the latest developments and plans of the air Reserve program.

General Spaatz, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, in a message appearing on each card, said, "I should like you to know the activities in which the Air Forces are now participating, the needs to carry out our programs in research and development and our aims for the Air Reserve and Air National Guard. We want you to know that you are still on THE TEAM."

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

Our Year

Six years is a long time, too long for most Carolina rooters, which means that effective about 4 p. m., Saturday afternoon all true Tar Heels must have felt something like the GOP that night a few Tuesdays back when it became apparent that the ghost of the Hoover days had finally been conquered.

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The annual renewal of the colorful Duke-Carolina classic was all that could be desired from the Carolina standpoint, though most thought the Tar Heels were being a little optimistic by virtually handing Duke its only score—and I thought so too.

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A few times in my life I've worked pretty hard on a long stretch. Some few times the stretch has run for 24 hours, but I don't believe I have ever been quite as tired as after that Saturday ball game in Kenan Stadium. Those first quarter goal line stands had me on the ropes by half-time, and in the third quarter, I couldn't even get out the proper holler when Justice and Company executed that super deluxe triple reverse on fourth down for what proved to be the winning marker.

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But it WAS a most enjoyable game.

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Sitting on the Duke side for an old Carolina man is perhaps a very dangerous practice, but a few friends were close. A chap named Eastlake from South Boston, Va., a dapper little fellow, originally from New Jersey, had adopted the Tar Heels to the tune of $100, and though the early Carolina fumbles pained him deeply, he was not without confidence that the final outcome would be all right. But he disappeared at the half. In front were two Carolina men, one of '43, one of '30. The '30 fellow said it was the first time he'd ever seen a Duke-Carolina game. "Back in my day, the didn't play 'em, he said.

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But about all the rest in our vicinity were Methodists. For the last part of the game, however, they were certainly not of the shouting variety. There were times when one could almost hear a pin drop.

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Both Carolina and Duke bandsput on a pretty show. A new wrinkle in opening color was an avenue formed by the Carolina band, through which the players emerged from the fieldhouse and onto the playing field. Then at half-time, as the feature of the halftime formation, the band formed a neat "7 - 7," current score of the ball game. Meek Carpenter is a trumpet man in the Carolina band, but I couldn't pick him out.

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Nice part about attending this game, as much as seeing it, plus the color, plus the beautiful damsels (young, aged and medium) with their plumed and feathered hats, is running into old friends. At the half I ran into Myron Rhyne, now living in Graham, and Trent Ragland, with Superior Stone company here. And there were several others.

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After the game at the packed and jammed Carolina Inn, It was Jim Lalanne, whose pass to Joe Auman made that last victory celebration possible. I reminded him of 1940, and he said, "Yeah, but it was only three points."

"Now, Jim," says I, "you know" the points are immaterial. One would be enough, anytime."

It was the first time I'd seen Jim since a navy days happenstance in a Picadilly Hotel elevator, New York, 1943.

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Odd notes: Traffic was steady but not too rugged, though the nasty 17-mile run from Pittsboro into Chapel Hill was the nastiest. Saw results of some three smash-ups, but damages to automobiles were principal ones. Had one close shave myself. Resolution of the day: the state needs more four-lane highways, less narrow bridges .... the final whistle had hardly blown when the Patterson tower bells began ringing out with "Happy Days Are Here Again" .... about all the patrolmen in the state must have been at Chapel Hill, among them Tubby Logan, brother of the recently elected high sheriff of Cleveland county, and Fred Hill, who once was stationed in this base of operations .... The Daily Tar Heel, where I got my first major newspaper training, in its Saturday morning edition, carried a six-column cartoon of a Carolina marked train engine, laden with football players and chasing in front of it the Duke Blue Devils. Also featured was a parody on "Chattanooga Choo" which started off like this:

"Pardon me, boy, but that's the Carolina Choo Choo
"Justice by name,
"He's gonna win the game ....."

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All of which reminds that Mr. Justice is a freshman, which means that the optimism for '47 is already at a high pitch. Have not learned yet whether Halbert Webb was at the game. Regardless, I worried about him somewhat, as well as a promise I'd tendered Mrs. Webb to help nurse him next time it was needed.

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The trip home was nice and short.

LOOKING AHEAD

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A Heritage

Phrase-makers who refer to Dixie as the Bible Belt have missed an important point. Without ignoring anything, I should like to appraise the whole of America as a Bible Land. This is done humbly, for Americans have sometimes failed to follow the light of truth when that light burned brightly before them.

Despite efforts of some modern historians to interpret the facts differently, our forebears developed this nation with religious principles in mind. They read their Bibles. Regardless of how many Americans have forsaken these fundamentals, it remains a nation that has been blessed bountifully by God.

Our Best Seller

Where in the realm of recorded human experience can you find a land so blessed with liberty and opportunity, as in America? And where in history has there been a land so prosperous, where material blessings fit only for kings of the past may be enjoyed by each man and his neighbor? Let it be remembered that America's best seller is still the Bible, a phenomenon which is [illegible] to the latest.

National Bible Week was celebrated this year from October 21 to 27. Where else among the nations can you find a land so dedicating itself? In calling America a land of Bibles, I affirm that the religious people of this nation constitute its greatest asset. Their [illegible] would be no hope for world peace, there would be no prospect of good citizenship at home, were this not so.

Practical Application

For example, the Bible offers us the perfect formula to put an end to industrial strife. In fact, I could never expect fair play in industrial relations to come about in a land where the Golden Rule is unknown. We must not forget it, here in America. Shall labor forget this rule of action and become a pressure group so determined to apply pressure upon industry that investment capital will be driven out and become unavailable to buy and replace tools? That is exactly the way to cut production and achieve lower and lower wages.

Industry aims at profits: it wants dividends for stockholders and capital for expansion. Should industry withhold fair wages and seek specialized legislation? No, that is the road to bankruptcy. Industry's first objective should not be its own welfare, but the welfare of labor and of agriculture.

Back to Fundamentals

Agriculture wants high prices for all it can produce. How shall it obtain these high prices? Through selfish, class legislation? No, that's the road to failure. Agriculture wants a prosperous market, with many people eating and living well. This it cannot attain by selfishly looking to itself. It must be more interested in the welfare of other groups.

Wherever we have strayed from God, and from His laws and His formulas, that is exactly the point where we must return. Harmony, prosperity, and peace will surely follow. If we loved one another as we love ourselves, we should have no fear about what use might be made of atomic bombs. Neither science, nor so-called 'civilization," nor any of the human-"isms," offers a sure cure for the world's ills. A return to God and the principles found in the Bible is our only hope that we shall not literally destroy ourselves.

Storing Bacon

Proper keeping of bacon is always a matter of concern to the housewife. Much bacon becomes unfit to eat because many housewives have the mistaken idea that it should not be kept in the refrigerator. This idea exists because many people do not realize that the commercially cured bacon on the market has changed in the last 10 to 15 years. Formerly, most bacon was of the salty type, but now the mild cured type is more like fresh meat and should always be kept in the refrigerator. Keep only a few weeks after purchasing.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Friendship—Three Thousand Miles Apart

Ever play chess? It's a great game! One of the strongest friendships I know of started with a game of chess—between Dad Hoskins, in our town, and a man named Dalton Barnes, in England.

They've never seen each other, never met. But for the past eight years they've been playing chess by mail together. Dad mulling over Dalton's latest letter, while he sends a chart of his next move to England.

Dad always thinks best with a mellow glass of beer beside his chessboard. And the Englishman writes him that he does the same. "You know, it's almost as if we shared a glass of beer together, too!" says Dad contentedly.

From where I sit, you can talk about diplomacy and foreign policy, but it's often those little things—like a game of chess or a glass of beer—that can make for tolerance and understanding . . . between people of all nations . . . between neighbors here at home!

Joe Marsh

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