

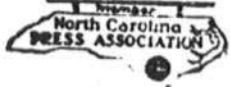
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Ephesians 4:29.

Two Deaths

Two North Carolinians who had ris-

affairs of the state and nation have died in the past week. They are A. J. Maxwell, tax expert, and Josiah W. Bailey, United States Senator.

Both men had been in declining health for the past several years.

Mr. Maxwell, as Commissioner of Revenue, was responsible for setting up the present state tax system which is regarded as one of the best in the nation. He will be remembered for this work and for the fact that he never quite realized his life's ambition to be governor of North Carolina.

Mr. Bailey served for years in the Senate, became chairman of the commerce committee, one of the most important in the Senate. As a Senator, Mr. Bailey remained what he started out to be, a conservative. He was never a New Dealer. This did not suit many of his constituents, but it pretty well followed the line of most North Carolina political leaders. It is perhaps ironical that Mr. Bailey should have died at a time when the political pendulum of the nation had moved rightward from left-of-center.

However, it is not the fact of either man's rise to public prominence that is important. It is their ability to hold these responsible public positions for long tenures must be drawn the inference that they earned their meager salaries by serving well the citizens of North Carolina.

As this is written, it appears that Governor Cherry will appoint Wilkins P. Horton, of Pittsboro, to the Senate vacancy created by the death of Senator Bailey. If Mr. Horton is the appointee, persons who are inclined to be impatient in life may well learn a lesson. Mr. Horton has long been a Democratic leader in the state, formerly served as lieutenant-governor. He ran second in the 1940 gubernatorial race to J. Melville Broughton. That was the year some eight candidates muddled the water and the state's Democratic machine was well-split. But Mr. Horton did not even ask a second primary. He was not bitter. He returned to his law practice and continued to take an active part in party affairs, serving as Democratic national committeeman. Truly, if he is the appointee, patience will have been rewarded.

Most business houses won't mind the telephone rate increases, for they realize that the telephone is one of their most valuable business assets. However, many would like to see better service. Without any technical knowledge whatsoever, the Herald would suggest either the installation of a new switch-board or the dial system, and, if at all possible, another line to Shelby. There is considerable telephonic traffic between Shelby and Kings Mountain and the present lines are insufficient to handle the day-time calls. Those business men who have tried unsuccessfully to get Shelby for a half-hour at the time (and always, it seems, when they are most pressed with work) will know exactly what the Herald is speaking of.

The letter from the girl in Germany who had received a coat via the local Victory Clothing collection should serve as sufficient thanks to all those who gave wearing apparel and food in that drive. The United States has its troubles. There was the coal strike and sugar is short, and other commodities are classified under-the-county. But it does not have these basic troubles. With very few exceptions, the people of this nation are clothed and well-fed. Little does the average citizen realize how it is to struggle for enough food for existence. That letter should make all who gave glad that they did.

Congratulations to Bob Neill, who has again been chosen for the Western Conference all-star football team.

More Pay, Please!

Walter Reuther, the high-theory professor of the CIO auto workers has sounded the cry, "More pay, please!" and the plea was hardly audible.

With the toughest labor leader of them all, John L. Lewis, now retired to contemplate his first defeat in 14 years, it is quite possible that Reuther's whole cry will be hardly audible.

Why the auto workers sounded their blast at this particular time is hardly understandable. Certainly it was not the propitious moment.

The 80th Congress which convenes in January has already been thumbing through bills which would restrict labor, and it would seem that labor might have more to gain in the long run by lying low and allowing time to heal the frayed tempers, not only of the Congress, but of the public, which is sick and tired of hearing the familiar excuse for lack of goods, "I'm sorry, you know how it is, with strikes and everything."

Lifting of housing restrictions will suit the lumber dealers who liked the CPA red tape about as well as merchants liked MPR 580, mention of this complicated pricing device being enough to cause the merchants to tear their hair. The result will be about like the meat situation. There will be more houses, and they will cost more.

A local business man remarked last night and heard the door being shaken. Then I discovered it was a policeman checking the lock. Naturally he will be disturbed by nothing more than drills and a few still alarms. Then, suddenly they've got to get into a smoke-filled building, with no assurance they'll get out.

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10 Years Ago THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1938 files of the Kings Mountain Herald

Census report shows that there were 21,162 bales of cotton ginned in Cleveland county from the crop of 1936, prior to Dec. 1, as compared with 43,662 bales ginned to December 1, crop of 1935.

The American Legion Auxiliary members have been very busy this week making arrangements to have a Community Christmas tree. The tree is to be placed in the chained off space of the square in front of the First National Bank.

Honor Roll Central school, second grade: Rebecca Early, Peggy Smith, Mary Anne Soivey, Patsy Webb, Harry Connor, Louann Herndon, Betty Lynch, Jean Saunders, Dorothy Smith, Pannel Smith, Frances Williams, Margaret Williams, Deleena Payseur, Robert Boyce, James Gladden, Donald Crawford, Eugene Falls, W. P. Fulton, John Louis Head, Ernest L. Jenkins, Eddie Houston, Thomas Baker.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Campbell announce the marriage of their sister, Ruby Ernestine Hughes to Mr. Phillip Baker on November 14, last. Mrs. Baker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hughes of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Baker is the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker of Kings Mountain.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mary Lou Ormand and Mr. G. G. Grigg, both of Kings Mountain. The marriage came as a surprise to many of their friends and was solemnized at the Shelby circuit parsonage, on Saturday evening at 8:30 with Rev. J. N. Wise, pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, officiating. The bride wore a blue crepe, with a black coat and matching accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. King and Miss Gertrude King of Lancaster, S. C., spent Sunday in Kings Mountain.

Southern Says Nix On Baby-Sitting

Although they're always and eternally on the lookout for fresh new ideas, Southern Railway System passenger officials scratched their heads in puzzled thought the other day and concluded, reluctantly, that they just couldn't find use for a baby sitter on their streamliners - not right now, anyhow!

The problem-provoking idea was posed in a neatly penned letter from a young southern belle who, having finished high school, was all set for a career. Since she liked to travel and was also a baby sitter of long experience she figured she ought to qualify.

Nursery cars complete with toys, play equipment and the like to keep rail-traveling youngsters contented are one of the things railroads are planning for the future. But right now the market for train baby sitters is not exactly flourishing. In fact, the Southern's passenger officials told the applicant regretfully, there just ain't no market!

martin's medicine

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

Fires, Etc.

What with the Christmas season, fire-crackers (drat the lousy things), and the bad Winecuff Hotel burning in Atlanta, the medicinal subject for this week's edition should be timely, if not overly deep and erudite.

The shock which that fire caused resounded throughout the nation, and now, with the cart after the horse, Atlanta and Georgia and other municipalities and states are planning tighter laws. It may help prevent fires in other places.

Folks are just plain careless, and the experts say that about ninety-nine percent of fires, just like automobile wrecks, are caused by carelessness. But it's hard to make people careful, and sometimes even a nasty wreck or fire fails to "make a Christian" out of the unwitting mal-doer.

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Why there has been such a rash of hotel fires in the past two years is hard to explain, other than the basic carelessness. Some people are reading a high correlation coefficient between the fires and the big jump in liquor sales, and they may be right. A man in his covey is frequently mighty careless about burning cigarettes, matches, etc.

Through most of them area, not all fires have had results, and a few should be characterized as real roads to progress. Probably the best fire this community ever had was on that cold night in November 1932 when the old Central school building burned. Kings Mountain children would quite possibly still be going to school in that poorly heated fire-trap had someone not carelessly tossed a lighted match on its oily floors. Luckily it happened at night, when there were no occupants. Had it been during school hours, it is possible the fire might have been tragic. Though it inconvenienced teachers, pupils and families for a few months, it worked out well. The city wound up with a much better, more commodious building and one that is less likely to burn. And the cost was negligible. For those were the days when \$12 a week was standard wages and when that \$12 would buy a lot of groceries.

That fire, however, was right embarrassing to me. I had been sleeping in a room only a half-block from the fire area, with window open wide. I arose about the usual time the next morning, had breakfast, and started out to school with my books. Someone asked, "Where you going?" And I said, "To school." That gave them a good laugh, but I still had to see it with my own eyes. You see, that was in the days when one always talked about school buildings burning down, but it just never happened. The prospect of an extended winter holiday seemed so nice! But it only lasted four days.

Dotted notes: The rumor of the week was that a chap named Nelson had been working in the attic of an old house he had recently bought and uncovered \$73,000 in gold certificates. Indications as this is written are that it just ain't so... no difference, Uncle Sam would have claimed most of it... which reminds that 1946 is nearly gone and it's time for all these folks who think they're just barely made ends meet this year to check their books... they'll likely find they've made too much... Christmas shoppers in the town seem undisturbed by the prospect of springing the December weather on the streets with unseasonable temperatures written on their faces... which means it better be sunny and warm... Christmas Eve, when they

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Representation

All Americans had reason to be jubilant on August 2. Not because an unruly monarch had abdicated. On that day the 79th Congress adjourned, and its members would soon sweep through the pre-election countryside-reporting to the "constituency." Our Congressmen packed up to return home on that day, and it has been ours to vote for them or against them.

Probably the 79th Congress did not please everybody. But at the same time, when one surveys the record, it is apparent that this Congress has made some unusual history. Congress accepted the United Nations charter, thus committing America

world leadership. This Congress demonstrated that it is not willing to allow our foreign policy to ride the winds of fortune that it will be able to deliberate in helping build a peace.

Deliberate. That's a word our Congress properly exemplifies. We want our legislators to be studious and careful in preparation of laws, in this government of the people. Only in this way may we have the best representation. Remember that when you hear the alarm: "Why doesn't Congress do something?"

Remember too that political expediency makes deliberation necessary, as Congress attempts to work out a pattern of harmony with other departments. If some things were bungled by the 79th Congress, in many instances the bungling may be chalked up to other branches of government. But this Congress did demonstrate that it was no "rubber stamp" Congress, and it made parliamentary history in this respect.

It was a people's Congress. It took definite steps in the direction of a balanced budget, for many legislators put themselves on record in an attempt to preserve the integrity of the nation's finances. No budget legislation was passed, but much was done to prepare groundwork for future budget-balancing legislation.

Decadent Bureaucracy. A few of the spreading tentacles of bureaucracy were lopped off by the 79th Congress, and it refused to pass other measures that would nurture the beast. Congress refused to put the National Housing Agency on a permanent basis, and it turned the control and operation of employment services back to the states. Major proposals for federal aid to education died in committees.

In removing many of the government regulations which have served their purposes, the Congress gave notice that it intends to keep the traditional freedoms making America the most desirable place in the world in which to live. Congress refused to sanction the drafting of labor in time of peace. Long live our Congress! May it ever be the people's representation.

Rat Migration In Illinois in 1933, a multitude of migrating rats swarmed over several western counties. On one farm alone in one month over 3,000 rats were killed.

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