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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
Men do not eat their bread if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry. Proverbs 6:30.

GOP In Van

The driver's seat, and so far the nation is still ticking along, which, of course, is amazing news to old-line Democrats. It likely will continue to tick, but one hardly knows how well.

Mr. Big is Senator Robert Taft, friend of big business, a keen politician and an Old Guard Republican of the first water.

So far the GOP has been talking rashly mainly on the matter of cutting taxes, and, of course, organized labor is scared to death, though the labor leaders are counting on Senator Morse of Oregon to put a damper on GOP labor-haters.

The news that the GOP intends to cut an additional four billion from President Truman's budget request was received with favor in most quarters.

The tax cut still stands out as the foolish part of the Republican platform. The time for high taxes is during years when the taxed can afford to pay up. Now is that time. But the Republicans have a 1948 anticipatory eye on the Presidency, similar to the University of North Carolina grid team had on the Rose Bowl in 1935. The GOP motto is anything to win.

Mr. Knudson's tax program of 20 percent on incomes up to \$302,000, ten and one-half on incomes over that, should mark the line of demarcation for persons who can't decide whether they're Republicans or Democrats. Twenty percent to a man making \$500 a year is \$100. To the man making \$300,000 it is \$6,000. The GOP is in the van, and big business will have a field day, not that we blame big business. But a little guy shouting for the GOP, is mightily deluded.

If a tax reduction is made, the fairest method would be to increase the personal income exemptions.

Don't forget to buy your city license tag before the penalty is added. Instead of two tags for the price of one, it would be one tag for the price of two—or more.

From the clearance advertisements in last week's paper and others around, bargain-hunters should have had a field day. Which reminds that the retailer, who is mainly interested in satisfying customers, can be counted on to keep his prices in line. It was not he who was responsible for high-priced merchandise. He's just the middle man.

The Henry Edwards matter was closed last Thursday when Judge J. Wilson Warlick granted a non-suit. While most folk will say "white-wash," they will add in the next breath that the verdict suited them. It has been one of those unfortunate pages in local government history, but the old saying is that experience is the best teacher. We imagine the county commissioners have learned quite much, and that this new knowledge will be reflected in the future handling of county affairs.

The news that the Kings Mountain postoffice showed a decrease of 20 percent in receipts during 1946 was not surprising for it was a general trend throughout the nation. The inflated receipts of the war years resulted directly from vast amounts of air-mail, parcel post, and express mail matter to servicemen overseas. Postal officials here naturally would like to see the postoffice remain first class, and Postmaster Blakely's suggestion concerning the use of parcel post might be well worth investigating by business houses and manufacturers.

When Jimmy Byrnes took over the job of setting up a foreign policy that was sane and workable, he had the good wishes of the nation. As he stepped out, he retained them, for he fulfilled his task. This is not true of many government officials who go in with fanfare, and retire with nothing more than the echoes of "thank goodness, he's gone," in their ear. If General Marshall is able to handle the affairs of state in the manner of Mr. Byrnes, the United States will get along. And, with the General's past record, there's no reason to believe he won't be eminently successful.

Veterans who dropped their GI insurance still have two weeks and more to get their policies re-instated for only two monthly premiums. It's cheap insurance and veterans should give attention to this matter immediately.

When Bright Ratterree said tax listing was going good, it marked a big change from former years. Citizens are doing themselves a double favor by listing early. The property-owner saves time, and the county saves money. The county is the people. List your taxes today, if you haven't already.

With the wave of robberies here and elsewhere, city policemen will have to double their attention to watching for the culprits.

New Books Added At City Library

The following books have been added to the shelves of Kings Mountain Public Library according to an announcement this week by Mrs. Charles Campbell, librarian.

"Brideshead Revisited," Evelyn Waugh; "The Forgotten Alley," by Pierre Van Paassen; "School For Eternity," Harry Hervey; "Toll of the Brave," Ingels Fletcher; "It Happened Like This," A. S. M. Hutchison; "The Lady in the Mask," Anne Green; "The Corpse on the Hearth," Harry Lang; "Pay Off For The Banker," Lockridge; "A Serpent's Tooth," Furnas; "Judgment Day," James Farrell; "Congo Song," Stuart Choate; "The Heart Remembers," Faith Baldwin; "The Sentimentalist," Frances Winwar; "The Pumpkin Coach," Louis Paul; "Where The Blue Begins," Marley; "The House On The Park," Worthington; "Lost Haven," Tennant; "Lustre High," June Burn; "The Bridge of Years," May Sarton.

Veterans Administration now is operating 28 former Army and Navy hospitals to meet veterans needs for hospitalization.

More than 10,000 volumes were added to libraries of Veterans Administration hospitals during October for the use of veterans patients.

Veterans Administration processed over 11,500,000 pieces of incoming mail during October in its program of serving veterans and their dependents.

Over 65,000 veterans filed applications with Veterans Administration from Jan. 1 until Oct. 31 to convert their term insurance to permanent policies.

Veterans Administration is attempting to restore nearly 100,000 disabled veterans' insurability under Vocational Rehabilitation (Public Law 10).

martin's medicine

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

Angie Rests

Angie, the old linotype machine which has turned out more than a half million inches of type for the readers of the Herald since 1922, has been retired to pasture for a well-earned rest, as readers of this piece who boast discerning eyes can easily see.

In other words, the Herald got a Christmas present a few days late and this past weekend the replacement for Angie was installed. Angie's posturing place right now is in the back of the shop, where she sits and sits and be sold (though I doubt Gene Matthews can stand to see her go) to some print shop which needs a typesetting machine for only light duties. After the way Angie has been put through the mill in the past two years, I'm sure she'll enjoy light exercise.

Though we don't know just how old Angie is, a little metal plate on her model was 1916, which makes a fair comparison between Elmo Bridges' "Copperhead" Model T and a 1947 Buick. Angie compares to this new arrival which has not yet been named. When we do get around to naming this new lady, it'll have to be a queenly name, for that's just what she is—a queen. Were it not for Queenie of the Amos and Andy show we might name her "The Queen." But more likely we'll call her "Elegant," or something of that variety.

Angie, as readers of this column have had reported to them before at odd moments, was feeling the infirmities of old age. Her joints were a little arthritic and she had to be handled with care. There were times when nursing her was the most important job in the house.

We're counting on the new lady doing much for the Herald, and if she doesn't then we'll be a badly disappointed lot, and the salesman will be afix. At this instance, when the new machine has not been given the acid test of putting out a few papers, I can't help but remark on the statement of a newspaperman friend which was: "If you listen to the salesman they'll have you thinking that purchase of enough machinery will make newspaper production no more complicated than punching a series of buttons. I've listened, he laughed, and bought. But it still takes work."

But typesetting will be easier for Gene. He used to spend a lot of time changing magazines, fixing belts, and beating a path to the back of the machine to see why the little mats didn't fall right. Now he can change magazines by whirling a lever from sitting position, the belts are new, and the mats fall just right. We're worried about Gene, afraid his health will get bad due to lack of exercise, so he's thinking about taking up golf when the country club course gets ready in the spring.

The factory representative who installed the new machine is Mr. Galaini (pronounced Galmey), and he has been with Intertype 28 years. The same time Gene has been with the Herald. Mr. Galaini is a native of Assyrin, having come to America at the age of one. I told him he ought to meet Sam Suber. From New Jersey, Mr. Galaini was surprised to find a brother in this part of the world and interestedly asked, "What does he do?"

"Sells tombstones," I replied. And Galaini was not so sure he wanted to meet Sam.

Under the trained Galaini hand, installation of the new machine was an easy job, with Red Walker on the helping side. After doing this job, Red is about ready to qualify as an installation expert.

The new machine has more than 8,000 individual parts, which is some several more than Angie could show with her 5,000 plus. The shipping weight was better than 4,000 pounds divided into two cartons, but Phil Myers had a minimum of trouble in getting it off the motor truck.

Les Hoke was again aboard for the mid-winter job of cutting in the current hat I had to call him Supta Pechoff before he got here.

That was the big news at the Herald office, and we all hope for several improvements: (1) to avoid the late getting-out time on the Herald (which was a real last Thursday morning); (2) to give better service and more complete display advertising to business firms; and (3) to avoid the late getting-out time on the Herald which is both our

of its readers and which carries a greater lineage of news and features.

If she comes anywhere close to these goals her cost, biggest capital investment ever made by the Herald in its long 58 years, will be dirt cheap.

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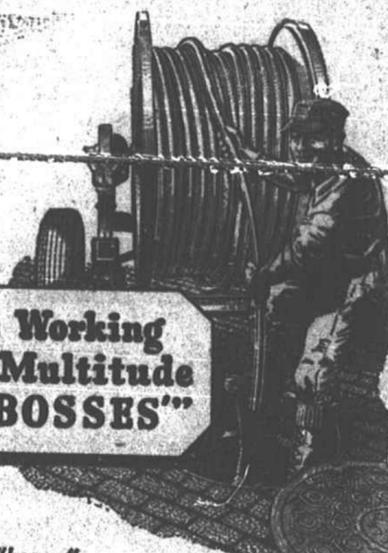
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10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

According to the annual report to be submitted to the Town Council and Mayor by Fire Chief Grady W. King, the fire loss in Kings Mountain last year was kept at a very small figure by the efficient volunteer fire department.

Ground was broken Monday of this week beginning the construction of Kings Mountain's new fine Town Hall.

The Junior Woman's Club will sponsor "Young America" on the air, at the High school auditorium on February 5th.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. Hayne Blackmer was hostess to the Colonel Frederick Hambricht Chapter, Daughters American Revolution for the regular January meeting entertainment at the Woman's club last Wednesday afternoon.

Circle Number Three of the Missionary Society of Central Metho-

Items of news taken from the 1937 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

dist church met with Mrs. E. W. Griffin and Mrs. O. O. Jackson as co-leaders Monday afternoon at the home of the later.

Mr. Carl Dickson of Charlotte, and Mr. Billy Caveny, both of whom are Erskine students, entertained a number of friends at a banquet at the home of Mr. Caveny at Mountain View hotel during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Drace of Greer, S. C., spent Wednesday in Kings Mountain, guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Peeler.

Mrs. Oscar Long of Council, and Miss Fanny Carpenter, went to Gaffney Wednesday, where they were guests of their sister, Mrs. J. V. Phillips.

Misses Louise Goforth, Averice Baker, and Misses Margaret and Vera Phifer attended the Gastonia District Young People's banquet was held at Main Street church, Gastonia last Friday night.