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DELLINGER'S JEWEL SHOP Kings Mountain, N.C.

H. Y. Belk AND HIS NEWS AT NEDO VALLEY

Mrs. Bill Ross and Miss Slaton spent Sunday night with your reporter.

H. Y. Jr., and wife from the city were dinner guests at Belk's Sunday. I was sorry to learn of the death of my friend, George Short. I talked to him on the streets the fourth, then death called him away the next day. Oh, well, in the midst of life we are dying.

Bilbo vows he will fight till hell freezes over to retain his senate seat. I can't blame you Mr. Bilbo. I don't like to see a man kicked around.

Fun is something like insurance. The older one gets the more it costs and the harder it is to get.

When you are talking about me don't forget some one might be giving you down the country.

Let's turn back the time just for a moment. In 1898, I came over to the little town of Kings Mountain got a job in the Clotho mill, I got what I called for 12 hours a day 75 cents to weave on 6 looms. 72 hours, 6 days in the week. I got weak. Board was \$1.50 per week and it made me still weaker but I got along very well. Folks weren't so dam smart as they are today. I like this new age better tho.

China, what a country it must be after ten years on the war path China is today suffering acutely from what Mr. Churchill called the disease of war. To begin with, there is physical deterioration. I have lived to see floods, famines, and refugees in times past, but nothing like China. They haven't had enough to eat, no never. They are anemic, that is what the doctors call it. Full of parasites, malaria, dysentery and tuberculosis.

Then there is economic deterioration. China lost her major railroads and the Yangtze River valley which is far more important to her transportation than the Mississippi River valley is to us. Although this made it impossible to get food and sulphur from the areas of plenty, China will never do any better than people doomed to starvation and disease. They fight and starve right on.

The other day I met and was talking to a soldier boy from Manila. He told me the political machine has been shattered and broken. The University of the Philippines looked like the ruins of ancient Rome. The General Hospital is a battered monument, to the heroes who perished there. The High Commissioner's office, clubs, and hotels, once aristocratic and resplendent,

are now gutted horrors in a neighborhood of tombs. Nothing but destruction every way one looks. Said he, the Japs did it fifty years from now the acres will be there to show the ruins of war.

Mrs. William Wright in her column admits I'm not a poet, anyway I like your column and you are not a dumb bell and its true I'm not a poet. I haven't even been called by that name. I may yet become a poet, tho.

Only two of the Gospels out of the four in the New Testament tell of the birth of Christ, and how He was worshipped by the Shepherds and the Wise Men. The chapters have the same number in both Matthew and Luke.

The very first commandment directs us to make the Creator the object of our supreme love and reverence. I know He's right, and the third forbids profanity. If there be a God, He ought to be worshipped and is by a few.

I never thought I'd be a poet. The Admiral on the burning deck, Looked out above the dead

And this is what he said: "Turn this boat while its still intact, Hurry for goodness sake. And head her home for Tokio." That's all for now.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
The annual stockholders meeting of the Home Building & Loan Association of Kings Mountain, N. C., will be held at the City Hall, Tuesday, January 28th, 1947, at 6:30 p. m.

At this time the annual report will be given, directors for the ensuing year will be elected, the Constitution revised and any other business coming before the meeting will be transacted.
A. H. Patterson, Sec. Treas.
1-16-23

Quartermaster - designed linings made of fibre glass are being tested in Alaska in clothing, tents, sleeping bags, and in the walls of mobile kitchens.

The Quartermaster Corps has developed liners which keep tents cooler in hot weather and made them easier to heat in cold weather.

Dehydrated white potatoes in granular form have been found superior in Quartermaster tests to dehydrated potatoes in shredded form.

Dates for the spring fat stock shows will be announced in the near future, says Leland Case of State College.



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Report of Condition of

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Kings Mountain, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on December 31, 1946, published in response to Call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

Assets

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,343,293.51
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	2,203,849.61
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	138,955.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	136,325.00
Corporate stocks (including \$5,050.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	5,050.00
Loans and discounts (including \$ none overdrafts)	642,568.52
Bank premises owned \$35,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$10,750.00	45,750.00
Other assets	2,573.26

TOTAL ASSETS \$4,518,364.90

Liabilities

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,034,609.36
Time deposits of individuals, partnership, and corporations	627,870.62
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	230,204.81
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	386,258.08
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	16,762.26
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$4,295,705.08
Other liabilities	1,569.22

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$4,297,274.30

Capital Accounts

Capital stock:	
Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided profits	23,390.60
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	22,500.00

TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$ 221,690.60

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$4,518,364.90

Memorandum

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 383,650.00

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND,

I, M. B. Winstead, cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. B. WINSTEAD, Cashier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1947.

William F. Lougher
Notary Public

L. F. Fisher

M. A. Ware

H. S. Hall

Comm. Expires 6-3-48.