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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. Proverbs 9:10.

Congress Adjourns

Congress has adjourned, whatever that means. One fellow remarked, "Good riddance."

That may or may not be.

At any rate the in-power Republicans didn't get along too well, and already this inability to do much of what had been promised in the optimistic campaign talks of last fall is already reflected in the public opinion polls. The indication is, if the trend continues, that Harry S. Truman will be the next President of the United States and that the long GOP drought in the White House will be continued.

Essentially, the GOP proved again it is the party of the wealthy, and that it intends to aid this group, who, pretty generally, have been able to take care of themselves, regardless of the White House occupant — friendly or unfriendly.

The GOP's worse faux pas, perhaps, was on the tax reduction bill. And it is to the credit of those who voted against it, twice, that they helped to defeat it by a narrow margin, and over the whelps of pain from such men as John W. Hanes, Chairman Knutson, of the House Ways and Means committee, and others.

On the credit side, though it was vetoed in what appeared to be a Presidential political play, was passage of the Taft-Hartley labor measure. Already, of course, John L. Lewis has wrangled a contract obviating many of the bill's provisions, but it nevertheless served the purpose of making the irresponsible groups in the labor hierarchy stop to think.

Foreign affairs was continued on a bi-partisan basis, as it should be always, and whether it is wise or not, the policy of standing up to obstructionist, play-my-way-or-I-won't-play-Russia, suits the people.

Developments between now and the re-adjournment of Congress in January will, of course, be interesting.

The GOP will blame the strong Democratic minority for sabotaging their grandiose plans, but the people, in most instances, will be glad those plans went awry.

The Lion's horse show committee is getting an early start this year in anticipation of the best show it's ever offered, both for spectators and exhibitors. Martin Goodrich, of Nashville, Tenn., was recommended as an especially able judge who will leave nothing to be desired in this respect, and, of course, it will be good to have Mrs. Ben Hendricks back again in the capacity of ringmaster.

Periodically, some scoundrel comes along who is adept at the business of check-flashing, and always there are some folks who get taken to the cleaners. The best rule on cashing checks is to know the person you're cashing them for.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

D. M. Bridges of Rutherfordton has been elected as principal of Kings Mountain Central school, according to B. N. Barnes, superintendent.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Ladd Hamrick most delightfully entertained members of the Study Club at her home on last Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Helen Hay entertained members of her bridge club and invited

The Simpler Form

Congressman Barden, of the third district, in addressing the North Carolina Press Association recently, stated during one of his humorous moments, that he was for the simplified income tax form. A form said to contain but three questions:

1. How much did you make?
2. How much do you have left?
3. How come?

The present forms ask lots more than the three questions above, but when boiled down the information is the same.—Waynesville Mountaineer.

AAF Day

Today is the 40th anniversary of the Army Air Forces.

Which means that the business of flying has come a mighty long way since the Wright Brothers made their first hop from the North Carolina sands.

During the years, the nations of the world have witnessed the growth of both commercial and military aviation which reached a momentary zenith during the war in the flights of the B-29 carrying heavy bomb-loads, and lastly, with the super-destruction atom bomb.

There were those, at the beginning of the war, who thought that only planes were needed to win. Again, however, it was proved that victory required a meshing of forces, air, naval, and ground, with, again, the infantry getting the nasty, dangerous cleaning-up job.

The hope of everyone should be, on this anniversary of the AAF, that future development of aircraft will be for commercial use only — to provide faster transit all over the world.

For it is possible that the next war will eliminate mankind as a factor on the earth.

In spite of North Carolina's and the nation's efforts to combat traffic accidents, there are still a multiplicity of collisions reported in about any paper one picks up. Some are attributed to defective mechanisms about the machine, but most go to driver error, such as drinking while driving, excess speed, chance-taking and the other one-way streets to death via the highways.

We trust the members of the city board will not forget to visit with the county board of commissioners at the upcoming August meeting and make out their case for a general county-wide property revaluation. Revaluation is long overdue.

The Jaycees have scheduled another paper collection and citizens should anticipate the date, having their huge quantities of paper ready. Information to the Herald is that paper supplies for the remainder of 1947 will be very tight.

It's reunion season and revival season.

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

guests at her home on Gaston street Wednesday evening.

Miss Sara Finger had as dinner guests at Pine Knot on last Thursday evening, Miss Helen Hay and her house guests, Misses Nell and Rosalind Hay, of Raleigh.

Misses Alice Betty Mauney and Sue Rudock have returned from a month's trip to Allentown, Pa., Hoo-sick Falls, N. Y., Atlantic City, and New York City.

Martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

An Old Paper

I am indebted to Mrs. M. L. Houser for today's column, material of which comes from the September 13, 1867, edition of The Lincoln Courier. Incidentally, it was a Friday, the 13th.

While old papers, new papers, odd papers, in fact, about any kind of papers, are interesting to me, I am sure that this old four-page edition, set by hand, which appeared only two years after the end of the War Between the States, would be interesting to all. It was the time of Reconstruction in the war-leveled South, and there is much in its columns which emphasize the troubles of the times, as well as the habits and customs.

Policies of the paper itself varied quite considerably from the newspapers of today. For instance, the paper, noted under its "Advertising Terms," that marriage notices would be charged for at \$1.00 in advance, while obituaries would be printed free, provided they did not exceed five lines. Additional lines were 10 cents each. For most papers these days, that is a complete reversal of policy, for society editors and news men, seek out the marriages and the deaths. The New York Times, however, and perhaps some other metropolitan newspapers, do charge a fee for obituary notices.

Another unusual feature of newspapers seemed to be a far cry from today. The Courier, for instance, advertised that it published a tri-weekly paper and a weekly paper. The subscription rates, of course, varied. In the same issue were printed several advertisements from other newspapers seeking subscriptions. One, the Raleigh Sentinel, published a daily paper, a semi-weekly, and a weekly. I suppose the various editions were designed to fit all pocketbooks.

Several interesting advertisements (all small, resembling today's legal notice) appeared in this paper, but the most interesting was printed for J. F. Speck. It read:

PAY UP! PAY UP!

All persons indebted to me will confer a great favor by calling and settling their accounts, as I need my money.

J. F. SPECK
Lincolnton, Aug. 8th, 1867.
N. B.—Hereafter all accounts MUST be settled at the end of every month, and those failing to comply with the above, need not ask further indulgence.

Mr. Speck, incidentally, seemed to be quite an ambidexterous sort of fellow. In another advertisement, Mr. Speck "begged leave to inform his friends that he has engaged skillful workmen and is now employed in the manufacture of BOOTS, SHOES, and BROGANS." The newspaper office on Main street was in the "late Speck's Jewellery Establishment."

A front page classified ad might well have been written for today's newspapers: "A first rate female Cook and Washer is wanted."

Only about a column of the paper was devoted to local news, with much of the rest reporting on conditions throughout the South. There was everything from a "consoling view of the political condition," to a letter from the Hon. William A. Graham, who wrote a friend in Arkansas that the disfranchisement of the former voters, and enfranchisement of the negroes had turned the South back 200 years.

Indicative of President Andrew Johnson's trials and tribulations (President Johnson almost was impeached; one vote more against him would have done it) was a reprint from an Ohio paper in which a complicated plan of resignations and appointments, plus Johnson's impeachment would have made Edwin M. Stanton president. The Lincoln Courier, Edward H. Britton, seemed to agree.

A tragic five-line story with a New Orleans dateline read: "The deaths from Yellow Fever for the week ending yesterday, were 349. The deaths for the 24 hours ending yesterday morning, were 46, and ending this morning, 51."

Editor Britton was not without humor and ran the following: "An editor was shaved in a barber shop recently, and offered the barber a dime, which was refused. 'Because, I understand that you are an editor.' 'Well, what of it?' 'Why we never charge editors nothing. But such liberality will ruin you.'

"Neither mind," the colored barber replied, "we make it off the gentleman."

In which there may have been more truth than humor.

Defective Chimneys Are Fire Hazards

There is no better time than now to check chimneys against fire hazards while the furnaces and stoves are cold, according to David S. Weaver, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department at State College.

"Roof fires," he said today, "are chiefly caused by sparks leaking out through cracks in the chimney. Farmers should remember that after a few years cement can dry out and crumble. In time the bricks may loosen and a dangerous fire hazard is created. Such cracks should be cemented before the heating units are started in the fall."

Mr. Weaver also recommended that soot pipes be thoroughly checked for rust holes and worn spots. "Be sure the pipe joints fit snugly otherwise smoke and flame may seep out," he said.

Farmers should take the additional precaution of having an approved fire extinguisher near stoves and heaters and wherever there is a chance of fire getting out of hand.

He said that combustible roofs are a real menace, too. "Such roofing," he declared, "should be replaced or covered with fire-resistant shingles or other flame-proof material."

Emphasizing that fire can wipe out a farmer's work for many months in a few hours, the specialist reminded farmers that America's fire losses for the first five months of this year are already greater than the entire 12 months of 1942. These losses so menace the prosperity of the country and the life of its citizens that President Truman through Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has asked farmers to do their part in stopping these huge losses.

Homemakers To Study Ideas On Clothmaking

With the rapid appearance of new fabrics in the stores today, the housewife will be planning new ideas in clothes making.

To acquaint the homemakers attending 1947 Farm and Home Week on State College Campus, August 25-29 with this phase of homemaking, a special demonstration will be held on "New Fabrics, New Finishes—Their Use and Care."

According to Miss Verna Stanton, assistant State Home agent for the State College Extension Service, this demonstration will include new fabrics that are now available as well as many that will appear in the future.

"The many new fibers, fabrics, blends and finishes appearing on today's market present problems in construction and art of clothing," Miss Stanton said, "and it is believed that many new ideas will be obtained in this phase of homemaking."

Miss Beth Peterson, Home Economist, Extension Division for the E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, Del., and a former clothing specialist, will be present to give last minute information on how to select and work with these new fabrics Miss Stanton said.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust given by O. L. Sappenfield and wife, Pearl B. Sappenfield to B. S. Neill, Trustee for the Home Building and Loan Association on the 25th day of April, 1946, as will appear on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in book 315 at page 130 to secure the indebtedness therein mentioned and default having been made in same and at the quest of the Home Building and Loan Association, I will sell for cash at the courthouse door in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, on Monday, August 25th, 1947, at 10 o'clock a. m. or within legal hours, the following real estate:

Lot number twenty-five (25) as surveyed and platted on the official map or plat of the subdivision known as Lake Montonia Club which map or plat is recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County.

See Deed from Lake Montonia Club, Inc., to J. A. Wright and recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County dated 27th day of May, 1930, and deed dated June 6th, 1936, from J. A. Wright to O. L. Sappenfield, and registered in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County.

This the 18th day of July, 1947.

B. S. Neill, Trustee.
J. R. Davis, Atty.

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