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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. St. Luke 2:14.

Christmas '47

Thursday morning the opening of Christmas cards, wrapping of gifts, rush of buying, and other mundane evidences of the world-wide observance of Christmas will have reached its climax. Peals of joy and delight will be heard from children, and the older folks will be just as joyful, though their joy may be exhibited in nothing more than a wry grin.

It's the annual observance of the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Essentially, it's been a good year. The horn of plenty has been emptied on America in lavish manner. There has been plenty of complaint—"prices are too high," "inflation's got us," "we can't get a car," etc., etc.—but it hasn't been too bad. A lot of the complaints are more expressions of fear of the future, than complaint with the present.

We haven't done much about a permanent peace.

Russia has proved not only hard to deal with, but impossible to deal with, since she is adamantly opposed to almost every proposition. Palestine is a simmering pot of trouble, boiling over intermittently. In China, war still rages, and India is celebrating her newborn freedom in bloody internal strife.

What is the method?

The principles were laid out by Jesus Christ many, many, years ago. More emulation and imitation, and less lip service would accomplish more than all the celebrations of Christmas before or in the future.

Congress got in a lot of talk, not too much action, in the special session. This was as expected. There's probably not too much to expect from the forthcoming regular session which convenes in January. It's presidential election year, and neither party is in too good shape to pass legislation, which by very nature, will be political in tenor. What the GOP majority passes, the President can veto. It's a bad state of affairs to have a Congress of one party and a President of another. The British, with their Prime Minister always coming from the majority party, can at least present a unified program, until the "ins" are tossed out on their ears.

Information from other parts of North Carolina indicate that the two-day Christmas holiday will be quite general. And this is as it should be, for the stress and strain of building up to the big day will mean that rest will be not only needed, but almost required.

A best bow to Fred Plonk, who has been chosen president of the Kings Mountain Country Club, and to C. J. Gault, jr. who was elected master of the Masonic Lodge for 1948.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

First prize for the best decorated residence within the city limits was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams. First prize for the most attractively business house was awarded to D. F. Ford Furniture Co.

A branch of the Shelby office of the North Carolina Unemployment Service has been opened in the new City Building.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. M. A. Ware entertained at

Caution Urged

The state highway department, national safety council, and other agencies are putting out more than usual warnings to the public this year to use extreme caution during the Christmas season.

For it is this season of the year that accidents, involving automobiles, firearms, and about everything else, are most numerous.

Undoubtedly the holiday injury and death toll is stepped up because of the traffic, but it must be credited in part to the holiday attitude generally, which seems to call for an extra heavy foot on the accelerator—no matter what the driver's doing.

Carelessness being the cause of most accidents, it would behoove the motorist to drive at reasonable speeds and with a weather-eye posted. It would behoove the home-stayers to use extreme care with open fires and other household hazards. And it would behoove the hunters to take to the woods with only one more hunter in the party. Here in Kings Mountain there was a tragic hunting accident last week.

None can be too careful, either on his own part or in watching the other fellow.

A noted psychiatrist said last week: ".....the kind of training the individual receives in his home will not only determine the kind of individual he will turn out to be but, in the aggregate, will determine whether man has the capacity to survive the atomic age. If the child learns at home what he should about sharing, sacrifice, work, honesty, co-operation, and a love of others that extends beyond himself, he is very likely to overcome the frustrations, inadequacies, indifference, inefficiencies and lack of productiveness which is wrecking millions of lives." Just what connection these traits will have with the atomic age would be hard to say, but there's no question the world would be better off, homes would be happier, and more production would be accomplished, if the good doctor's advice for better home-training were followed.

It's hard to know what kind of fuel to use, coal or oil. A fellow switches from one to the other, and still has to wonder where the next day's supply is coming from. It's still a matter of shortages and too-great demand.

It would be real nice if, some how Kings Mountain could be represented in the new Western Carolina Class D league.

Attend the WOW square dance Friday night.

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

three tables of bridge Saturday evening honoring her niece.

Mrs. F. D. Herndon entertained members of the Home Arts club and invited guests last Wednesday evening.

A number of Kings Mountain people attended the wedding of George Herndon, former resident in Charlotte last Saturday.

Miss Pauline Goforth and Miss Salena Fenton are at home for the holidays.

martin's medicine

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

Letter To Santa

Mr. Santa Claus
North Pole (Magnetic)
Dear Uncle Nick:
Since I'm a little late this year, this letter is going air mail special, and I hope it reaches you in time. I've been too busy to get that early start, but next year (as usual) it'll be different.

1-t-s

I have made a check of a few folks who need some Christmas gifts, and, generally, their conduct has been above reproach, as far as the medicinal researcher can learn. However, in the case of the married men involved in this epistle, I might add that I have not discussed it with their wives, which might indicate that the check has not been complete.

1-t-s

Byron Keeter has not made his wishes known and has already won a mess of horse show ribbons. However, this does not seem to make him mad, so I suggest some more of the same... that other horse fellow, Tom Fulton, is in a new job as mayor and he needs nothing but cash—for the city, that is, to spend on water, light, sewer and street extensions. Please do not be niggardly in this matter, for a small amount would be like throwing a three-foot rope to a man drowning several yards away (that's not original but it was pretty good when Senator So-and-So used it).

1-t-s

Hilton Ruth needs some more good jokes, not that he's running out, but Hilton would rather spin a good yarn than eat and it's good for him to have a big joke inventory. Of course, one can easily see by his size that the only thing the high food prices are working on is his pocketbook... several guys are wanting extra time, extra time out at night that is, Harold Coggins and Tolly Shuford have seen their evening passes rationed more and more in recent days and they're feeling the strain.

1-t-s

Did you hear about Dan Finger? He's a new papa and a mighty proud one too. Excitement prevailed around the households. One grandmother-to-be telephoned the other grandmother-to-be: "Dot took Dan to the hospital." They say that's about the way it was too. All of which makes Dan's demands very modest. He will settle for some wool-lined bedroom slippers, the kind that automatically attach to the feet as they hit the floor at 2 a. m. feeding time. E. E. Marlowe would be satisfied with a similar gift.

1-t-s

B. S. Neill wants a couple more bank holidays, then consolidate all of 'em... so that he could spend three months in Florida without missing any 6 percent business... and speaking of travel, Hubert Aderholdt needs at least two trips in '49, one to Mobile, another to New Orleans... fact is, this is almost imperative... Halbert Webbs wants a couple of tailbacks, and I hope you'll send some good ones, already mated at dear old Duke. (Do not make them too good though.) This will materially take care of Percy Dilling, J. G. Winkler, Boyer Murray and several other good citizens, though you may throw in a \$1 cravat for good measure.

1-t-s

It is a big request, I know, but please, please, flood the auto dealers with new '48 models... after two years, they've been cussed enough. Which reminds that I was about to forget Dave Saunders on the cash proposition. You heard about the guy who came to Dave and said the bank would lend him some money, if Dave would sign the note. "No, I can't do that," Dave replied. "But you get the bank to sign your note and I'll lend you the money." Dave has about loaned out. At least, he's always talking about "need some money."

1-t-s

I am at a loss as to what Red McClain needs, but Pat Tignor could use some luck in '49, for '47 was a bad year. Oscar Myers wants one of those home gold-plating outfits, but a little better model than the Phil Finn comic strip brand.

1-t-s

Joe Lee Woodward should have some new glasses. A pretty girl passed him on the street last week, and he didn't even notice her... which reminds that I am giving up an William Plonk and Mike Milam. Please send them some foot-warmer, single-bed size.

1-t-s

This is not complete, but I'm sure you'll do your best. I do not need more money, just in common ideas that'll be busy on the medicine...
Your old friend,
The Medicine Man.

Melvin L. Bagwell Now Seaman 2nd Class

Melvin L. Bagwell, USN, son of Jesse L. Bagwell of Kings Mountain has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and has been advanced to seaman, second class.

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