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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 15:34.

Band Emphasis

Kings Mountain band association officials and well-wishers are promoting band emphasis week from February 16-21, and other cities are planning the same program.

The movement is timely and needed here, for several reasons.

Much is needed in the way of instruments, parent - support, and community support, to continue the re-building job which is already well underway.

Director Joe Hedden has done a good job in taking over an inactive group of horn-tooters and developing them into a unit which can make melodious music.

A good band pays big dividends. Primarily, it is beneficial to the children who get the opportunity for musical instruction. It gives them something they will appreciate throughout life, whether or not they enter musical fields. It teaches them cooperation, broadens their scope of thinking, and inbreeds into them discipline.

And the community benefits greatly too. Kings Mountain is known throughout this state and adjoining states for its fine band of a few years ago. It was good advertising.

It therefore behooves band parents to encourage their children to get full measure of benefit from their participation in the band, and it behooves both the parents and the community to supply, in one way or another, the necessary funds for the band's expansion, growth and development.

Many people read with interest the story in last week's edition concerning Jake Sipe's loss of his home by fire. But the most important sentence in the story from the general standpoint was the last: "The home and furnishings were partially covered by insurance." That short statement of fact should make people do some thinking. Insurance costs money and it is frequently the tendency of people to figure they will be lucky and avoid loss. Many are, but many are not. The test question should be: "Can I afford to sustain the loss myself?" If the answer is affirmative, then a man may not necessarily be too rushing about getting his property covered. If the answer is negative, which it will be most frequently, then the property owner should rush to his nearest insurance agent and get coverage.

It is now time to fine. The city has invoked an ordinance placing a fine of \$5.00 on city auto owners who failed to get their license tags by the close of business last Saturday. The law should be enforced. It is not right to expect some citizens to buy tags and let the others get by. If this is the case, then the city should go out of the auto tag business.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Kings Mountain can now boast of two full city mail routes, according to Postmaster W. F. Blakely.

The third stop-go signal light on East King street was installed this week at the corner of Garden and King.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. C. L. Jolly entertained at a Bingo party Friday afternoon. Mrs. R. P. Thomas won high score and Mrs. Charlie Moss won low. Miss Pauline Neisler entertained

Welcome

For the average citizen it is good news that Walmore Mills, Inc., will soon begin manufacture here of Turkish Towels.

The retail interests of the city are always glad to see another payroll added to the city, and it is further evidence of growth and progress when new industry opens here, or when older industrial citizens expand.

At the moment, labor and housing is still somewhat short, and several plants in the vicinity have employees who commute daily 25 miles or more each way.

However, it is always the long period that counts, and not necessarily the stresses and strains of the relatively short periods, which means that this new industry—in a field which the city does not have—is a considerable potential asset.

Kings Mountain is growing, rather normally, without any particular impetus. This is unfortunate, for much more good be done.

We still need a Chamber of Commerce, for it would be an important civic asset.

But, lest the purpose of the editorial is completely missed, we convey an official welcome to Walmore Mills, Inc., and to General Manager H. C. Moore, of Gaffney, S. C., who is its guiding spirit.

The Herald speaks for Kings Mountain when it says, "Welcome."

More On Taxes

The Herald has long favored the policy of keeping federal tax rates high while business activity is great in order to make inroads into the huge public debt, and has further contended that the Truman-type dollar cuts, either by raising the personal exemptions or by straight dollar cuts, with the feeling that it is the fellow making up to \$3,000 per year that is most strained.

This method would give him relief, would further enable the department of internal revenue to dispense with more of its employees—since a great number of people would be eliminated from the tax rolls.

This does not appear to be the feeling of the GOP majority, and the policy will not be followed. At any rate, the government will, or should, have a better-than-expected surplus at the end of the fiscal year, and all of it should be applied to the debt. The time may come when further debts will have to be made. Now is the time to do the heavy liquidating.

Paul Ader, son of a former pastor of Central Methodist church, is gaining acclaim as one of the newest North Carolina novelists. The Herald has not had the opportunity to peruse his first two books, but feels that, before Author Ader gets too famous, the city should enter its bid for claiming him

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

members of her bridge club at Pine Street Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George Lattimore was hostess to members of the contract Bridge club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Pride Ratterree was hostess to the American Legion Auxiliary last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. T. Weir's Sunday School class of First Presbyterian church, entertained at a popcorn popping last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Weir.

martin's medicine

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

Fine Weather

It might likely be when this column appears in print, but this is being written on Groundhog Day and calls to mind the Sam Justice statement in a recent Charlotte Observer column. The groundhog may see his shadow, Sam wrote, but he won't see the ground—certainly not in New York. Well, Sam could almost have been writing about Kings Mountain, in spite of the Sabbath-Monday thaw.

In spite of the inconvenience, I rather enjoyed the rough weather. There's something about a snow and icing that clears the atmosphere and makes one feel unduly exhilarated. At least that's the way it works for me. Must admit the exhilaration was probably in too great degree for the oil users.

Lot of talk about oil and the oil black market. However, it's just as normal as the black market in other situations, such as autos, paper, etc. When a superfluity of demand develops, it tends to send the price up. Legitimate companies, if they are making a fair profit, don't raise the price at first. However, some segment of people will have access to a supply and the dollar marks in their eyes get him blinded. He charges what the traffic will bear. This removes his supply from normal channels. Then it isn't too long until the legitimate dealers, to take care of their customers, are buying at the higher prices. It makes a spiral that does not end until the shortage ends. We can all look forward to April from this standpoint.

It never pays to make fun of folks.

Seems like last year during a cold spell I typed out some jesting, fun-making remarks about an unfortunate guy who had fallen on the ice. As I recall, his feet started slipping in gradual manner. He resisted the pull of gravity for some 30 seconds, but eventually gravity won out. The man was superimposed on the ice in horizontal position, with no damage to person, but with considerable hurt to his dignity and disposition.

I haven't seen anyone take a spill this season. But if I'd had a long mirror Sunday evening I would have. It's funny how the feet start slipping and just won't quit.

Best story out of the train-bus wreck Saturday (which I am telling as a good story and not necessarily as the truth,) concerned four passengers on the train who welcomed the unscheduled stop to get out and enjoy a glass of beer. As a matter of fact, they appeared to have enjoyed several glasses already. They disembarked from the train in shirt sleeves and went their way. However, it didn't take Conductor Ben Willeford as long to clear the track as they had anticipated. The train left with the passengers' bags, coats and overcoats, but without the passengers.

Going across an icy field last week two Bumgardner brothers (not otherwise identified) saw a rabbit. One of them, who must have been a Democrat, remarked, "Now if that were in the Hoover days, I'd catch that rabbit and have something to eat for a change." The other, who must have been a Republican, replied, "Huh, I'd get him now—if I had any oil to cook him in." Everett Medlin gets credit for that story.

This one is told on a precocious youth taking the Bible course in the city schools. The teacher was relating the story of the Gibbonites (or some other ites) who were planning a fifth-column foray on Joshua's Israelites. Describing how they planned the infiltration move, the teacher said the fifth-columnists, posing as travelers from a far land, put dust on their feet and pack animals and packed them

—if not as a native son, certainly as a former citizen. Older citizens will remember him as a seven-year-old boy, who was smart as a whip even then. They are not surprised that he is doing good work.

Make a healthy donation to the Infantile Paralysis campaign. While \$2,000 is not a particularly small sum of money, when considered in an individual sense, it is small when considered on the basis of 7,500 persons. Joint action to fight and treat polio means that epidemic areas can get emergency treatment and get it quickly. The Herald hopes Kings Mountain will never need it, but one can never know.

with stale bread and stale wine. A youth in the back raised his hand and said, "But there's no such thing as stale wine. The older it gets the better it gets!"

Odd notes: Barbara Ford, the young horsewoman from Clover who is a favorite at the Kings Mountain shows, has a new five-gaited horse and is looking forward to the 1948 Labor Day event. Irvin Allen called last Friday about the political story in last week's edition. In high-pitcher and emphatic voice, Irvin said, "I will not be a candidate for county commissioner. Eliminate me so some GOOD man can run" that's the verbatim Allen statement.

Garden Pilgrimage To Include Many Towns

Greensboro. — First announcements of garden and home openings for the North Carolina Garden Club's 1948 Pilgrimage were announced today by Mrs. Wesley Taylor, chairman of the Pilgrimage. The first notice includes only a fraction of the tour, and additional features will be announced later, Mrs. Taylor said. New Bern's participation will include two week-ends, April 9-10, and April 23-24. Visitors at that time will have a chance to see scores of attractive homes more than 100 years old.

Concord will have three homes open at any time on request of visitors, with contact through the Concord Hotel. The homes include the Will Morris place, noted for its boxwoods; the Jacob Stillwell House (1821), and Pity Sake, the C. A. Cannon home, with naturalized daffodil and authentic herb gardens.

Clubs from the following towns have announced they will participate, all during April, with dates yet to be announced: Goldsboro, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham, Winston Salem, High Point, Charlotte, Tryon. It is also anticipated that Chiquapin, the beautiful Reidsville Estate of Mrs. Jefferson Penn, will be open during the tour. The Wilmington azalea festival will coincide with the Pilgrimage.

A large number of historic sites, homes, and other buildings are to be listed by the Garden Pilgrimage Committee for viewing during the period covered by the event.

"The Lost Colony" Scheduled This Year

MANTEO. — "The Lost Colony," Paul Green's outdoor drama, will be staged for two months during the coming summer, it was announced by the executive committee of the Roanoke Island Historical Association following its first 1948 meeting. The play as usual will be produced by Samuel Selden, head of the Dramatics Department, University of North Carolina. A cast of 200 will be selected within a few weeks, many of them natives of Roanoke Island.

"The Lost Colony" first was presented in 1937 and has been performed each summer since except during the war years. The drama is staged in a large amphitheatre in restored Fort Raleigh on the shores of Roanoke Sound, the exact site of the stirring events it recalls. The story is about Raleigh's settlers, first Englishmen to settle in America, and of the mystery of their disappearance.

Through November, 234 persons lost their lives when their cars overturned or ran off the roadway; 206 were killed in collisions; 199 were pedestrians; 35 lost their lives when the cars in which they were riding crashed into trains; 32 were killed in bicycle - motor vehicle collisions; and 45 met their deaths in other non collision accidents.

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