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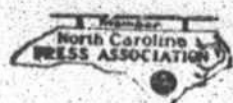
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. Proverbs 7:3.

Beer Matter

The easiest course for the Herald to follow on the current effort to call a vote to outlaw the sale of beer and wine (for that is its purpose) would be to align itself with those favoring the oyster and go to battle with them.

But the problem is not that simple, due to the geography of Kings Mountain. Not only does Kings Mountain adjoin another county, but another state. Outlawing of beer (the county commissioners and city commissioners of Kings Mountain and Shelby have already outlawed wine under a special act passed by the 1947 General Assembly) would mean more traffic into the beer joints lining the roads of Gaston county, and more traffic into the places below Grover in South Carolina. These outlying places are problems all the more because of their geographical position — police coverage is scattered and limited.

Under the law, as the Herald understands it, beer may be outlawed in a county by public vote. Then, after this development, incorporated cities may hold a vote, either continuing the county ban or again legalizing beer in the city's corporate limits. This, the Herald believes, would be the best method of handling beer, for the aforementioned police matter.

Some — and they're personally bone dry — feel that running out the beer will further increase the bootlegger's business. And you may be sure that Kings Mountain has its full quota of hard liquor dealers and hard liquor traffic.

As editorially commented before, however, the Herald is confident that Cleveland county, which has the long established history of voting dry and drinking wet, will go legally bone dry if given the opportunity.

If the word is correct that Mr. Truman is back-tracking somewhat on his latest FEPC efforts, Southern Democrats will have obtained the desired results in their recent revolt. Actually, Rep. Sparkman of Alabama was quite correct when he said the Southern Democrats had no place to go. The GOP policy is the same on equal rights. Unfortunately, the South (below North Carolina) and the North represent the two extremes on the racial question. The Deep South yells and wails everytime it is mentioned, which is hardly a sane approach to the problem, and the North tries to force changes down the Southern throat. Raising the average colored man to the intellectual level of the average white man is a process of evolution which requires time, money, and continued enlightenment for both white and black. It cannot be forced.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Kings Mountain can now boast of another champion. Fred Hill, popular and friendly Highway Patrolman, who has made his home here for the past several months, was crowned heavyweight champion of the two Carolinas after his defeat of Len Wilson of Appalachian, in the finals of the Golden Gloves Tournament in Charlotte Monday night.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. M. L. Harmon was hostess to

Prices Drop

Last week's commodity market declines, accompanied by a healthy drop in the stock markets, have already been reflected in a few lower prices for foodstuffs. Some bread makers have cut their prices, and there have been other price cuts.

Again there is no agreement on the long-term effects of last week's downward trend.

Some business men see it as the definite end of the inflationary spiral and the beginning of a leveling off period toward sanity. The more pessimistic hold their collective breaths and say, "The time is at hand; the depression is coming." Others see it as a healthy trimming, which will be reflected in more reasonable prices, less labor demands for further increases, and general good business.

The Herald joins the optimists. Demand is still plentiful. Retail trade in the New York area was up 10 percent last week over the comparable week of a year ago. Steel production is still being outstripped by demand. Resumption of great activity in the building trades merely awaits favorable weather.

With all this demand, plus the aid-to-Europe program, plus \$28 billion in circulation, plus the need of the government treasury for a high level national income, indicate continued "good business."

Scott Candidacy

W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, has succumbed to the urgings of his friends and others not contented with the current crop of gubernatorial candidates to join the field.

Mr. Scott says he is going to conduct a vigorous campaign, and, as most candidates, feels he has a good opportunity to win.

The agriculture commissioner has a long way to go. It may be that he hasn't been running long enough, for, in North Carolina, it is customary procedure to run all the time, with the official announcement mere formality.

Mr. Scott will be a strong candidate. He will gain the support of many of the farm groups, and he will have the support of old line malcontents who do not like Charlie Johnson. However, Mr. Johnson, at the moment, seems to have strongest support from the majority of state employees (a big factor both in actual votes and vote-getting ability,) law enforcement officers, and teachers, not to mention already "lined up" industrial and commercial support.

From the standpoint of the average citizen, Mr. Scott's candidacy should be welcomed. It will add interest to what otherwise might have been a rather dull gubernatorial sweepstakes, and the winner, regardless of his name, will be more con-

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

members of the Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter, DAR, and invited guests last Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Neisler was hostess to members of the Adelpian club and a few guests on last Thursday, entertaining at her home on York road. Blalock Cash Grocery was advertising "fresh country eggs, dozen, 20 cents"; "toilet tissue, good quality, 4 rolls 19 cent"; and "pig sausage, pound 19 cents, it's delicious."

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

Valentine Pick-Ups

I hardly know which is worse: too much or too little. Applying this wonderment, of course, to medicinal material. There are really a world of columning opportunities this week. Today is Friday, the THIRTEENTH. Yesterday was Lincoln's Birthday, it's Boy Scout Week, and yes, tomorrow is Valentine's Day. However, I have decided to take pity on the faithful who read this piece. No Valentine limericks . . .

Banker Frank Summers is always coming up with a good story about something funny at the bank, but the latest is one of his best. A colored woman entered the bank last week and wanted to know how she could get the money for two "E" bonds, made out to "Mrs. W. . . .". There was no co-owner. The conversation went something like this:

Banker Summers: "Are you Mrs. W. . . . ?"
Woman: "No, she's my sister."
Banker: "Well, why doesn't she come in and sign and get the money herself?"
Woman: "She can't. She's dead."
Banker: "Oh . . . well, what about her husband?"
Woman: "They hadn't been living together long before she died."
Banker: "Divorced?"
Woman: "Huh-uh. They had never been married."
This ended the conversation. The bank is asking the Federal Reserve to send the proper forms for cashing these particular bonds — if any.

Ollie Harris was a more pathetic story and a real surprise to him. Last week he received a letter from a man he had known in the army. A young man who had become wayward in his habits while overseas. In the letter, written from Texas, the man confessed to occasionally taking cigarettes and candy from Ollie's supply. He asked forgiveness, and in the last line of the letter wrote, ". . . for the end is near."
Ollie had never missed them at all.

Dotted Notes: Claude Hambricht, the sometimes coal-less coal man was quite accurate on his snow prediction. Claude pointed to a little pile on the postoffice lawn Saturday afternoon and direfully shook his head. Staying too long, he said, there'll be more to join it . . . and Monday morning he was SO right . . . it's bad news, but Claude says we're in for yet another before the winter's over . . . which reminds of a question . . . how long has it been since it snowed for Easter? . . . this year, with an early one, could be the year . . . Red Walker, the Herald make-up man, accused us of being aloof variety Wall Journal last week, with all the news of business changes (Tracy McGinnis, John Fisher, Warren Reynolds), the Home building and loan report, etc. . . . and there's more to come along that line . . . H. C. Moore, manager of the soon-to-open Walmore Mills, says the Herald's circulation is quite effective . . . requests to buy the Walmore output have been received from far and near, and production isn't begun yet . . .

Jim Anthony had the misfortune of having that sleek new Hudson mire up at the Country Club reception for Mr. and Mrs. Clark, the new management . . . result was some work for the dry cleaners, loss of an eighth-inch tread off the new tires, late arrival for the party, and a frayed temper . . . imagine Jim's chagrin when he found he was a member of the club's grounds committee, the group which would have the responsibility of bettering the conscious of the desires of the people after a healthy struggle.

Our best bow to Joe Lee Woodward, newly elected president, and the other new officers of the Kings Mountain Merchants association. This organization is a valuable one to its members and to the community, and the Herald's good wishes are extended to its new guiding hands.

Attend the band concert at the high school auditorium Thursday night. Bands are like speakers. They perform better before a full house. The band deserves the support and the encouragement of the citizenry.

The nation is honoring its Boy Scouts this week. This movement has done much in training the youth of the nation in the traits of character which build good citizens.

ditions . . . Billie Mauney is seriously considering running for the county board of commissioners, if Glee Bridges doesn't offer again . . . and this is regarded as a dead certainty, though Glee has not as yet said it—for publication . . . And E. C. Brandon, Jr., the new city engineer is house-hunting . . . but who isn't?

The Herald had a letter to the editor last week from a citizen who was waxing irate over the road situation in the Cora-Stowe's Staps sector, and the complaints were being directed at the city board in no uncertain terms . . . but it was an anonymous job, and the Herald just doesn't print letters when the identity of the writer is not known.

Happy Valentine's Day . . .

Egg-Feed Ratio Is At Low Level

The lowest egg-feed ratio ever listing in December 1947, according to C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of Farm Management for the State College Extension Service.

The egg-feed ratio is a ratio of price of eggs as compared with price of feed, Mr. Ratchford said. The lower the ratio is, the higher the price of feed in relation to prices of eggs.

It is expected that the egg-feed ratio will continue low at least until spring, when estimates for the 1948 grain crop are available, the specialist said. If, at the time, a large feed crop is predicted, the ratio would rise, he added.

Despite higher feed costs, egg prices are not likely to rise, he said. At present, egg prices are only 96 per cent of parity or 3 per cent above support level. At the same time, feed prices are well above 100 per cent of parity.

The poultry industry has made real progress in North Carolina during the last 10 years, Mr. Ratchford said. Poultry is normally a good enterprise for Tar Heel farmers, as there are ready markets, and poultry fits in well on small farms. For these and other reasons, North Carolina needs to maintain her poultry industry. The situation should improve within a few months or in a few months at the latest.


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