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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The way of a fool is right unto his own eyes: but he that hearketh unto counsel is wise. Proverbs 12:15.

Growth

Two stories in last week's edition of the Herald were indicative of the rapid growth of the community in the past year.

Building permits issued by the city in 1947 totaled \$445,450, and water and light billings for the current month broke another record with a total of \$12,859.84.

The building permit total could hardly be considered as complete, for seldom are building permits purchased for the full amount of the building cost — particularly in this day of rising prices and cost-plus contracts. In addition, there was also much residential, commercial and industrial building outside the immediate confines of the corporate limits, but still a part of Kings Mountain for all purposes but city taxes and some allied services.

The water and light billing is most amazing, jumping six times in the past 10 years, doubling (from \$6,000 per month in the past five years. Odds are it will increase some more after the city takes over 115 customers in the Phenix Mill village. This was a good business move on the part of the city, which sells its power at a profit.

Both totals look good for the community. They show that its citizens are investing in permanence — in new homes, in new businesses, in electric appliances that make living more comfortable and enjoyable.

If the city can get some bond issues planned and voted for water and sewer expansion, street work, a stadium, and other community requirements; if somehow, Cleveland County's long-overdue tax revaluation could be accomplished; and if, somehow, someone or some group would build a hotel here and plans for the proposed 50-bed hospital could be jelled, Kings Mountain would be in a fair way toward moving far along the road of progress—and at a faster pace.

At that, our guess is that too many tombstones wouldn't have to be counted to place Kings Mountain in the 10,000 population class come the 1950 census.

Our congratulations to Rev. J. W. Phillips who has been elected chairman of the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district. Rev. Mr. Phillips, pastor of First Wesleyan church, is one of our energetic young ministers, and the Kings Mountain Scout organization should have a banner year.

It is good news that Southern Bell is mapping telephone expansion for the rural areas of the county, but, at the moment, we're still waiting for that additional line to Shelby.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The Kings Mountain Public Library passed its first year of existence in the Best Town in the State last week with an increase in books from 505 in Feb., 1937, to 1592 to date.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Members of the younger set were guests at a most delightful party on last Wednesday evening, when Mrs. Paul Neisler entertained honoring her son, Paul, Jr., on the occasion of his sixteenth birthday anniversary.

Zoning Suggestion

City Commissioner Phifer suggested — in an informal discussion after the last city board meeting — that the board might well consider a zoning plan for the city, a matter which the Herald has been recommending for several years. Other commissioners opined that such a plan would certainly prove of benefit in the years and decades to come, and several instances were cited where a zoning plan would have been of great benefit—if adopted in 1940 or even as late as 1945.

Among them were the developments on the so-called Julian property — now well split between business and residential construction, the York Road property adjacent to Gold street, and several other encroachments of commercial on residential property, and vice versa.

As unfortunate as it is that all cities, like the nation's capitol, couldn't have had a Lafayette to blue-print it for future generations, the beautiful part about a zoning ordinance is that it may come late, but never too late.

Growth and expansion goes on, and the quicker a zoning plan is adopted the better for the future. Past mistakes perhaps cannot be corrected over the course of one lifetime, but the future will eventually work out a better community in which to live.

Obviously it is bad for a home-owner to have a commercial or industrial building, with its attending traffic, noise and dirt in his front or side yard. And it is just as bad to see an old, ram-shackles house cluttering up commercial and industrial areas. These derelicts are not only fire hazards, but they frequently limit expansion which would mean more production, more jobs, and their attending benefits.

The Herald hopes that the zoning suggestion will obtain action soon.

Merchants should waste no time getting in their ticket orders for the annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association. This event, according to past history, is a most enjoyable one, and the announcement that the Gay Nineties Quartet will furnish the program assures a fine evening's entertainment. Those who have heard this group of entertainers will want to hear them again, and those who haven't may confidently expect a treat.

With all the bad weather, it's hard to believe that Easter is only a hop-skip-and-a-jump away. Better get that Easter bonnet.

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

In a ceremony of charming simplicity Miss Hilda Beatty and Donald Cole Olive were wedded Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride in Charlotte.

Mrs. P. D. Patrick entertained members of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club on Thursday. Mrs. D. C. Mauney and Mrs. M. A. Ware entertained at bridge and took recently at Mrs. Mauney's cottage in Palm Harbor, Fla., as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Neisler.

martin's medicine

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

Politics Again

Political season is here again, in spite of the recent bad weather, and though the snow, ice, and rain may have slowed outward activity, the fever is growing nevertheless. It's a little slower developing as far as the county scene is concerned, but that's likely to make it all the hotter when it does develop.

Kings Mountain citizens are right fortunate. They have a county campaign one year, a city election the next, which allows a steam-letting once a year, and, of course, letting off steam is always a worthwhile institution and good for the constitution. This fine leap year is a banner one, with the presidential election to add to the fun. While there will be no particular interest in listening in to the North Carolina presidential returns next November, it will be good to listen in from other states where there is some reasonable doubt as to the outcome.

One local man has already quieted down. According to previous and customary policy, and by his own admission, he is a good fuser and cussier about things as they are. Yet on election day, he says, he has always managed to put his head in the same old trough. Last week, talking along the same cussin'-fussin' line, he received orders from headquarters. "Shut up," his wife said, "I've heard those same old tales before, and I don't want to hear anymore about it."

Two news stories over the weekend gave me quite a kick.

Number 1: I noticed by a newspaper headline that R. L. Dougherty was responding to urgent requests from his district to offer for his 20th term. That reminds of the story told on Old Muley, as Drew Pearson calls Farmer Bob, by a fellow Congressman.

"Best politician in the field," the fellow Congressman said. "His age has for the past six elections made it questionable whether he would be a candidate, and as far back as a year before, ambitious politicians from half the counties in his district put out feelers about running—if Mr. Bob doesn't. By the time announcement time comes around, the ambitious candidates are fighting so furiously among themselves that they have already defeated themselves. To keep the other ambitious ones from winning, they all encourage Mr. Bob to offer again. Naturally, this suits him fine, and he moves along the road without opposition."

Mr. Bob, of course, always has opposition from the Republicans, for there are a lot in his district. However, North Carolina copied the gerrymandering arrangement started in the North by the GOP many years ago. In the ordinary course of events, a Republican just doesn't have a chance to go to Congress from this state.

Number 2: This was the story that Governor Cherry, a strong Umstead man, was cracking down on the members of his official family who have switched allegiance to the Broughton forces. The last paragraph, paraphrased something like this, was the juiciest: Reporters (who had picked up the crack-down rumor and who were trying to check it) found the Cherry-appointed office holders in conference, out-for-the-day, or otherwise tied up in long telephone conversations.

One can easily imagine the hair-tearing, wailing and gnashing of teeth that went on when such a rumor went around.

Actually, such a move, when publicized, would probably operate to the aid of Candidate Broughton, whether true or not. But cracking down is nothing new in North Carolina politics. They used to burn barns in Cleveland county.

As this is written, no new local candidate possibilities have been dug up, but some several are interested in seeing a legislative candidate from here. It has been a long time since J. R. Davis represented Cleveland in the state assembly, and many folks think it's about time some Kings Mountain man filled the bill again. I was among the minority voting for an increase in state legislator's pay. They get a maximum of \$600 for the session, and living in Raleigh will cost them three times that much. That means that the average citizen can't afford to man for the legislature. He might win. Then he'd have to float a loan to attend the sessions.

Which reminds that my nominee for the best politician in Kings Mountain is Jimmy Simpson. Any man who can arrange to be the lone male in a house with 14 occupants should make politics his profession.

Local Unit NEA Has 51 Members

Membership in the National Education Association, the professional organization of educators, has reached a new all-time high, with 393,468 paid memberships, as of December 1947. Of these, 51 are members of the Kings Mountain City schools according to D. L. Parker, president of the latter association.

The national total is an increase of 50,510 over the same period last year, as revealed in a mid-year membership report to the profession received by Mr. Parker, from Willard E. Givens, executive secretary of the NEA.

"This increased membership indicates," Dr. Givens explained, "that the school people of the nation are uniting in their efforts to reach the goals of the Victory Action program, which was adopted by the Representative Assembly of the NEA July 5, 1946. All of these are aimed toward the development of higher professional standards, and to the attainment of equal educational opportunities for all children throughout the nation."

Two of the points in the Victory Action program, which has 1951 as the achievement year, include a larger and more aggressive national education association, and a membership of at least 90 percent in local, state and national professional organizations.

These points are being stressed, among numerous others, because membership and active participation in professional organizations, local, state and national, are needed to raise the standards of the teaching profession, and to bring relief from the critical situations, such as the shortage of qualified teachers, which confront American education today.

Federal aid for education, which the NEA is sponsoring, as provided in two bi-partisan bills pending in the 80th Congress, also needs the action which is possible when professional groups have an inclusive membership.

Millions of children, now suffering the tragic results of poor educational facilities, will benefit eventually if it is pointed out, by the recognition on the part of teachers everywhere that individual and local participation in their respective organizations is of the utmost importance.

"It is a task for all and it is worthy of our best efforts," was Dr. Givens' concluding comment.

Nine states are already on the 1948 Victory membership honor roll. They are Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Montana, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington and West Virginia.

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DR. T. F. ADAMS

Adams To Speak On Baptist Hour

ATLANTA. — "Marriages Are Made" is the subject of "The Baptist Hour" for February 22, with Dr. T. F. Adams of Richmond, Va., as speaker. It was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, Director. Heard over Station WSOC at (8:30 A. M. EST) (7:30 AM CST) "The Baptist Hour" series, "Divine Light For Daily Living," considers one of the most vital problems of our day, the home, in the last two Sundays of February.

Dr. Adams, who will be heard both weeks, is pastor of the First Baptist church, Richmond, and one of the most popular speakers ever to appear on "The Baptist Hour," having spoken in 1942. He is an expert in the field of marriage and the home. His subject for February 29 will be "A House With a Home Inside."

Featured on the February 22 program, will be the sixth favorite hymn, determined by a poll among interested listeners, including six and a half million Southern Baptists.

In recent months, a larger proportion of milk has gone into whole milk than a year earlier. In December, butter production was 18 percent less than a year earlier and the lowest for the month since 1920. Margarine output passed that of butter for the first time in November.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust given by Willie Jackson and wife, Nancy Jackson, to the undersigned as trustee for L. C. Hord on the 13th of December, 1944, and registered in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in book 300 at page 141 to secure the indebtedness therein mentioned and default having been made in the payment of same and at the request of L. C. Hord, I will sell for cash at the court house door in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, on Monday, March 15th, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., or within legal hours, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a large poplar at a spring corner of tract No. 1, Jess Crawford's land and running with Crawford's line S 64 deg. 30 min. E. 2.88 chains to a stake, his corner; thence with another of his lines S. 58 deg. 15 min. E. 4.00 chains to the center of road, Crawford's corner; thence with road S. 31 deg. 45 min. W. 3.00 chains; thence a new line leaving road and passing over an iron stake and along the south side of a large poplar N. 56 deg. 5 min. W. 7.75 chains to an iron stake; thence another new line N. 51 E. 2.63 chains to the Beginning, containing 2.0 acres, more or less. This the 6th day of February, 1948.

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February 19, 1947.

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We are glad to say that the situation is much better now, and the outlook indicates that our paper suppliers will be able to keep our stocks sufficient to handle your completed laundry properly.

While hoping that we will not again have to call on you, we do appreciate greatly your willingness to help us.

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