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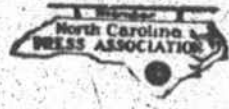
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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For thou wilt save the affected people; but wilt bring down high looks. Psalms 18:27.

### Strikes

The nation is again plagued by a wave of strikes, or threatened strikes, which mess up the best figuring of the economists and government officials who are trying to boot production, thus satisfy demand and prevent further upward travel of the inflationary spiral.

Unfortunately the laws of nature stipulate that what goes up must also come down, if not to the same low levels, certainly lower than the high point.

It has always been hard to figure out the advantage of strikes, particularly the long-term variety, which drag and drag and cost millions to workers in wage payments, as well as millions to the owners of industry, who lose production and sales thereby.

From labor's standpoint too the labor leaders, if not the workers, must realize that further increases in labor will send prices already too high, to a still higher point. Under ordinary conditions this situation might be desirable, but hardly now when new cars, for example, are dangerously near the point of being priced out of the market.

In other words a new car if one can be found, has to be financed on a monthly payment basis of \$75 per month and up. And, once again, this is the way the mass market is buying automobiles.

There is of course a lot of politics in the striking business. The labor leaders find it necessary to keep situation a-strir to generate enthusiasm and interest in the ranks.

If most of the members did a little adding up, they'd find figures to show them, that strike gains don't balance up with wage-time losses.

There can be no argument with an employee who is trying to better his position through collective bargaining, but since the various industries involved usually make counter-offers, it would seem the smarter course on labor's part to take the smaller gains, and continue on the job.

The fight over removing the tax on oleomargarine is typical of a lot behind-the-scenes goings-ons that operate to the advantage of one segment and the disadvantage of another. The oleo tax is purely a monopolistic measure to penalize a competitor. Butter (which the Herald frankly prefers when it comes to the eating part) should be made to stand on its own feet.

The prodigious effort being expended by many Mecklenburg county citizens in producing the historical pageant "Shout Freedom" reminds once again that Kings Mountain is neglecting a great asset in not making a similar effort regarding the annual October 7 anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. The Mecklenburg citizens deserve the praise of the area.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Jesse Kiser and her co-workers on the successful cancer fund drive recently conducted.

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Kings Mountain has been awarded \$73,000 and first priority for a new post office according to word from Washington.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**  
Mrs. O. W. Myers was hostess at one of the most delightful parties of the season, entertaining at her

### Big Air Force

Against the wishes of Secretary Forrestal and other military leaders, Congress has embarked the nation on a strong air defense program which will give the nation 70 air groups.

This seems a wise course.

While practical people can't go along with the air power extremists who predict that ground troops will be unnecessary in World War III, it is easy to see that much more time is required to train a pilot than to train an infantryman.

Through a policy of weakness, the United States went into the last war ill-prepared.

There seems little point in repeating a mistake.

According to an old saying, a man who makes a mistake had made an excusable error. If he repeats the mistake, he is a fool.

The 1949 legislative program of the North Carolina League of Municipalities seems a worthy one. The League seeks a revision of the state privilege schedule (if not its removal), diversion of one cent of the six cents gasoline tax to the cities, and securing of a comprehensive amendment to the state constitution granting home rule to North Carolina cities. With the cities of the state in a current financial bind, and the state, concurrently, in good shape, it would seem logical to remove the state franchise taxes and to divert one cent of the gasoline tax. The cities are in the road-building business, just as the state, certainly one-sixth of the gasoline sold in North Carolina is burned on city streets. On the home rule program, it has always seemed silly that purely local bills effecting city governments have to be passed by the North Carolina General Assembly. There is never a fight on any of these issues, it being merely a matter of form on the part of the legislators from the county affected.

A best bow to B. N. Barnes, recently re-elected chairman of the county Tuberculosis association, and to the other Kings Mountain citizens who were named to the association's board of directors.

Business firms will do their customer's a favor if they return some of the customer's change in nickles. After all, the parking meters must have some attention. Initial reports on the meters indicates business is good.

With the old hotel going down, more and more people are remarking on the need for one. Where is that citizen, or group of citizens, willing to put the cash on the line for a hotel? They would win not only the citizens-of-the-year award, but that for citizen-of-the-decade.

Saturday is the last day to register for the forthcoming primaries. All citizens eligible

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

home on Piedmont avenue last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Howard and Miss Gertrude Ware entertained circle number one of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist church at the home of Mrs. Howard on Monday afternoon.

### martin's medicine

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

### Loafing

It has been real hard work digging up sufficient information on today's medicinal subject, to do it justice, for it is a subject which I know very little (yea, verily) about.

But the research has been very interesting and indicates that the subject at hand is replete with promises of elegance and lazy grandeur, and I am rather hopeful that I shall someday be able to indulge in it to the full.

Dr. Webster describes loafing as follows: "the wasting of time; lounging about idly." He further describes a person guilty of the practice as an "idler" or "a person who gains his living by illegal means". The latter definition seems somewhat harsh, and for purposes of this piece it shall be ruled out.

Actually, loafing is hard work, or should be. Most people really don't loaf enough. They work hard, and they find it difficult to just plain loaf. After doing a day's work, they are sufficiently restless to make a trek to the golf course, the nearest (or furthest) fishing mecca, or to the ball yard or movie. Which means there aren't too many loafers.

The real loafer, I suppose, is the guy who is content to spend his time on the street corner and pass the time of day with the boys or lounge in a good comfortable chair until someone is ready to feed him. The epitome of all the real Webster-brand loafers must be the cartoon character Major Hoople, a dreamer extraordinary who avoids work like a chicken avoids the ax block.

But that's not exactly the kind of loafing I'm talking about.

For instance, I did some loafing Saturday afternoon, which included several interesting visits. A check of the polling places showed that the election fever is not yet too hot for the registrars were spending a "loafin' day" with only occasional interruptions. But the visit over to West Kings Mountain box at Victory Chevrolet Company was especially interesting.

A man came in to register in the course of the questions, he was asked, "Where you born?" "In Georgia," he replied, "Jackson county."

"What political party?" Mrs. J. H. Arthur, the registrar, asked. The man looked at Mrs. Arthur funny-like, as if to say she oughta know anybody from Georgia would be a Democrat. Then he said:

"Democrat... but I ain't gonna vote for Truman. I just can't go along with his civilian rights stuff."

Being along time Democrat, I pointed out he couldn't vote Republican on account of the Republicans have been for the "civilian rights" program since Abe in 1861, but he was adamant, so added one more GOP vote in the fall election.

My next loafing stop was down at Archdale Farms, with Holland Dixon. In the process, of course, I caused Holland to do some loafin' too, but he a't seem to mind.

The barn was full of those contented Golden Guernseys, loafin' through an early dinner, and it seemed catching. Holland was in high spirits, talking about being unable to satisfy the demand for milk, etc. My trip down there was to pick up some onion-less whipping cream, and the trip was successful. The report from Archdale is that only one five gallons worth of Archdale milk got afflicted with onions this spring, which must be some sort of a record....

I wound up the loafin' day at Otis Falls place about midnight, with plenty of company, including Otis, Soup Roberts, Andy Jenkins, and Ed Moore's brother. Here the conversation was most interesting, but it hardly bears reporting.

"Talkin' loafin'" is the kind I like to do. Some prefer golfin' loafin', others fishin' loafin' others loungin' loafin'. But the talkin' kind is more interesting to me....

Up in the mountains at some flat top hill in the Boone area, there's a town by the name of Loafer's glory. Sometime I'm going to visit that place and maybe settle there for good.

to vote should accomplish registration and plan to vote on May 29. If more people took a more active interest in politics, they would get better government.

### Miss McIntosh To Give Recital

Red Springs. — Miss Bonnie Lee McIntosh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McIntosh of Kings Mountain, who will be presented in her senior recital in organ at Flora MacDonald college on Monday evening, May 17, at 8:15 o'clock.

Miss McIntosh, who will receive her bachelor of arts degree with a major in organ, on June 1, is the pupil of Dean Robert Reuter. She has made an outstanding all-around record during her four years at Flora MacDonald, with her interests chiefly centering in the musical activities of the college. She has been a member of the college glee club and of the student music club since her freshman year, and last year was presented in an evening junior recital. During her senior year, she has acted as organist for the Sunday evening services in the Red Springs Presbyterian church.

### Active Training Duty At Naval Center

CHARLESTON, S. C. Naval Reserve supply Corps officers in the sixth Naval District have the opportunity for two week's active duty training at the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, California.

Two training courses in cargo handling at the Supply Center's and ocean traffic school have been announced for June 6-19 and June 20-July 3, inclusive. Others will begin July 18 and September 19.

Supply corps officers in this district who are interested should write the Commandant of the Sixth Naval District at Charleston.

Subjects to be covered by each training course include stability, physics of shiploading, stowage plan pre-planning cargo, handling and stowage of cargo and pier operating problems.

About 35 per cent of the workers in North Carolina are engaged in agriculture, 30 per cent in manufacturing, 30 per cent in selling, and 5 per cent in the professions, according to the State Education Commission.

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