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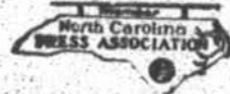
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, I Lord, in the light of thy countenance. Psalm 89:15.

Polio Again

Annually, it seems, the dread word polio must be heard throughout the nation, with North Carolina having an unusual share of it.

The degree of incidence varies. But at the moment North Carolina is having its worst outbreak since 1944.

The pitiable unfortunate part about the disease is that science knows very little about it. Research has not yet dug out the cause of polio, or what might prevent it.

There are several suspects including the common fly and dirt. It is also suspected that some human beings, themselves strong, are nevertheless carriers of polio. There also seems to be a coincidence between ultra-hot, steamy weather and polio. It will be remembered that the summer of 1944 was also a mighty hot one, as this one has been.

Since so little is known about polio, doctors recommend the usual preventive measures. Principally, they urge parents

- 1) to endeavor to keep children from over-exercising and consequent exhaustion.
- 2) to keep children away from crowds.
- 3) to clean up their premises.

These are good rules in any event.

The fact that polio usually strikes down children makes it all the worse (though this is no rule, since older people are occasionally stricken).

It should remind all citizens to give more liberally than they do to the annual drive for funds by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

As it has done so many times medical science, given the funds to work with, will eventually ferret out the cause of polio. Once that big task is accomplished it should not be too long before a preventive is found.

As this is written, all Democratic leaders have their fingers crossed waiting for one little word from General Dwight Eisenhower. The pro-Truman forces are waiting for a "no", the pro-Eisenhower forces for a "yes". At any rate, regardless of the answer, it has had the GOP, confident almost to the point of arrogance following their convention, scared to death and ready to tear their hair. Should the Democrats nominate General Ike, it would knock into a cocked hat all the Republican plans for "running" against one Harry Truman. Fact is, it is hard to imagine what kind of anti-campaign they could conduct against Eisenhower, who has proved his political ability by keeping harmony in the ranks of British, French, Canadian, Australian and other Allied forces—no mean job, even on the private or seaman level—as any GI who had dealings with other troops during the war will attest.

Tommy Baker continues to take all honors in the technical field of model airplane contests. Our congratulations to him on his accomplishments.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Congressional appropriations announced last week included in the list a \$73,000 Post Office for immediate construction in Kings Mountain.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. Hugh Ormand entertained at six tables of bridge on last Thurs-

Surplus

The city administration is rather proud of its record for the fiscal year 1947-48, in which it underspent the city's income by approximately \$15,000.

It feels that during a year of constantly rising costs, it did a good job in cutting corners and otherwise managing city operations economically.

In return, the savings are going to be used for needed resurfacing of many city streets, which needed treatment anyway, and which were worsened further by last winter's several icings.

The administration, too, has been mulling over the proposition of a vote on bond issues. But a glance at the high price of construction has been discouraging. Now, with a charter election scheduled for August, a general election in November, it is likely that the earliest possible date the city can offer bond issues for permanent improvements will be spring '49.

There are several crying needs—sewer system improvement and expansion, water line extension and replacement, street paving, and the completion of the City Stadium, or else abandonment for a new site.

It will require the spending of some money in large sums, but that will be necessary of the city is to catch up with its needs.

It still remains a fact that when a city taxpayer in an area at all populated asks for a water line, he should be able to get it, and quickly.

The Herald is glad to see concrete action on possible zoning of the city, a matter the Herald has been suggesting as a community need for several years. While, in a sense, zoning is coming late for Kings Mountain, the sooner it is done the better. Twenty years from adoption of a zoning ordinance, people will look back and be thankful that such a law was passed. The result will be more quiet, pleasant residential areas, and more neat business and commercial areas. In addition to the aesthetic benefits, the health and general welfare of the community will be generally improved.

Taking note of the successful action of pro-beer forces in the county last week, it appears that the anti-forces led by the ministers of the county let their zeal for driving out all alcoholic beverages dim their vision to the legal details of accomplishing their task. The result is that next year will be the earliest a vote on sale of beer will be called. However, the anti-beer forces are planning to continue their fight, and, of course, they will eventually get their election.

Our best bow to Harold Coggins, who has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club. Filling this position for an active civic club is no easy task, for it requires plenty of work.

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

day afternoon.
Mrs. C. E. Neisler entertained at a lovely luncheon at her home on Tuesday.

Miss Sara Finger entertained members of her bridge club at her home on Thursday evening.

martin's medicine

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

Worry

While the medicinal department has no bottleful of nasty-tasting elixir to offer as a cure for the subject under discussion for today, it was reasoned that an airing-out of said subject might at least prove of some benefit.

Let it be said in advance that the author is an expert at the matter and will be glad to lend anyone who would like to join the fraternity all assistance in studying the ritual.

Worry, according to Dr. Webster, is "perplexity, trouble, harrowing turmoil," and for example he cites: "worry of politics," "worry of business." Dr. Webster might have gone somewhat further. For worry, certainly, can be defined as an unhappy pastime, leading to discomfiture, discouragement, nervousness, stomach ulcers and other multifarious ills—and from which good seldom if ever comes.

That last statement represents a change in attitude toward the worrying business on my part. Until last week I was prone to regard worrying as a necessary evil of accomplishing things, an evidence of the sense of responsibility working itself out. But I ran into a little philosophical story which seems to knock my old theory into a cocked hat. It reads:

"We have a business friend who avoids worry by reminding himself that difficulties are made to be overcome.

"Instead of worrying about his troubles, he thinks about them. There's a difference. Thinking leads to action; work leads to inaction."

There are two principal types of worrying. One is worrying about the past. The other is worrying

Odds are that the future department gets most attention. It is the nature of the human mind to put aside past mistakes, and concentrate on future ones. Of course, everyone does not fall into this category, and there are some people who harken back years and years, continually using that old word "if", usually leading up to the phrase "if I hadn't done that."

Not belonging to this category, I find it easy to advise throwing this brand of worrying out the window. After all, when something is done, it is done, and by-gones should be reasonably well buried.

Not too many people worry about the present. After all, before you can count on ten, it seems, today is already tomorrow, and tomorrow isn't as bad as it looked in advance.

But the long-way-off tomorrows come in for plenty of attention. I suppose it is a natural fear of the future, or the unknown, probably leading to the favorite saying about hindsight being so much better than foresight.

Parents are probably the best worriers of anybody. They worry if the youngster is going swimming, if he's going on a trip, or just going. Yet, on the other hand, they worry just as much if he isn't going. Nothing puts a parent in a dither quite as much as to find the offspring of the retiring, quiet, bookish type, who doesn't mix with the boys.

Some worriers carry the things so far as to have medical attention. I noted an article recently where some doctor has completed eight years worth of worrying about worry. He has concluded there are few cures other than the old familiar ones. He says: 1) convince the patient to relieve himself of some of his responsibilities and 2) get him to take more recreational exercise.

Regrettably, I must say I've already found several pitfalls in the old remedies. In the first place, most people's responsibilities fall in the category of making a living. Not much they can do about these responsibilities. The exercise is all right too, but think of the price of golf balls.

Modern science, it seems, has accentuated the avenue for worrying. While sheriff's sales for non-payment of mortgages have been known in history for many years, I never heard of anybody in grandfather's day worrying about getting up the next payment on the buggy. Maybe he did though.

For most of my worrying, I find the talking formula is most effective. That is, you talk your troubles

Track Races Return To Charlotte 18th

Charlotte, N. C.—Thrill producing championship AAA auto racing makes its second appearance of the season here at the Southern States Fair Grounds, Sunday, July 18, when speed salesman Sam Nunis returns with an all-star cast of nationally-famed drivers and cars.

The summertime inaugural races, staged here on June 13 last, were conducted so successfully that Dr. J. S. Dorton, general manager at Southern States Fair, lost no time in arranging for the return date. The two meets are the first Sunday AAA races in Charlotte history and the first billed here outside of the regular fall Fair auto races.

Still elated over the great reception tended the speed notables here last month, Nunis is planning an even greater show for the encore. It is his ambition to hold a "Little Indianapolis" with more of the 500 mile stars entered than appeared here on June 13.

Nunis already has forwarded entry blanks to many "500" drivers and dirt track aces and he expects a record field for the return engagement. Ted Horn, of Patterson, N. J., two-times National AAA Champion, and fourth place finisher at Indianapolis this year, is among the new "name" drivers being contacted by Nunis.

A list of the events for July 18 along with the names of star entrants will be released in the near future.

Wildlife Conferences Scheduled Over State

The N. C. Resources Commission is sponsoring a series of wildlife resources training conference to be held in each of the state's nine Commission districts, Executive Director Clyde P. Patton announced today.

The first conference or the series is scheduled for July 19-20 in District 1 at Edenton, to be followed immediately by the second to be held in district 2 at New Bern on July 21 and 22. Further conferences will occur on alternate weeks until September 3 when the final meeting will get under way at Waynesville in District 9.

The conferences will be attended by all Commission personnel within each district, plus central office personnel and representatives of various state and federal agencies concerned with wildlife conservation. Tentative plans call for Judicial, Educational, Forestry, Soils and Agricultural representatives in each Commission district to attend the conferences.

The purpose of the conferences is to acquaint Wildlife Resources Commission personnel with current trends in wildlife management, and to discuss law enforcement and field administration problems.

The Wildlife Resources Commission believes that the conferences will be an important step in integrating wildlife conservation activities in this state, and bring about a more efficient administration of executive and field personnel.

Marketing of the 1948 flue-cured tobacco crop will begin with the opening of markets in the Georgia-Florida belt on July 22.

Farmers in 89 of North Carolina's 100 counties are growing hybrid corn seed for certification in 1948.

out. This is hard on the people around you, and the talking should have a limit of not more than four days to prevent chronic worryitis. But it usually works.



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HERE'S HOW

North Carolina Cities, Towns and Counties are using **BEER TAX REVENUE**

Last November, \$1,784,821 in beer taxes (representing July, August and September collections) was distributed to North Carolina municipalities and counties wherein beer is licensed to be sold. How is this money being used? The results of a recent survey hold great interest for the State's taxpayers:

Twenty-six municipalities and 28 counties report that the new beer revenue would enable them to **REDUCE TAXES**, and three other counties said it would help in that direction. Thirty-four municipalities and 34 counties indicated it would aid in **PREVENTING TAX INCREASES**. Other welcome uses included **MEETING INCREASED EXPENSES** and **APPLICATION ON DEBT SERVICE**.

In some instances, **EXTRA CITY AND RURAL POLICEMEN** are being employed from the funds, resulting in improved law enforcement.

Other uses include **STREET IMPROVEMENTS, PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT and SANITARY SEWERAGE EXTENSION.**

SCHOOL BUILDINGS are being planned, **SCHOOL EXPENSES** met, and county **HEALTH AND WELFARE** programs financed—from beer tax revenue.

Other constructive utilization of these funds includes: **COUNTY LIBRARY BUILDING, NEW FIRE STATION, COURTHOUSE ENLARGEMENT, PURCHASE OF PROPERTY** for county purposes.

And so on—an impressive array of sorely needed services and facilities made possible by the apportionment of beer tax revenue to towns, cities and counties licensing the sale of beer.

NOTICE
LOCAL TAXES REDUCED BY REVENUE FROM SALE OF BEER



Police Officers Employed



School Expenses Met



Streets Improved



Health and Welfare Programs Maintained

Using 1947 beer taxes as a basis for estimate, nearly \$4,000,000 of this "bonus" revenue is anticipated for North Carolina municipalities and counties this year—money that will relieve the burden of hard-pressed taxpayers. Safeguarding these millions is an objective of the Self-Regulation Program of the North Carolina Division, U. S. Brewers Foundation. You help us mightily when you give your patronage only to those beer retailers whose places of business reflect complete respect for North Carolina law and North Carolina civic and social standards.

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