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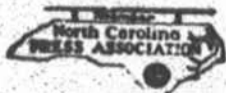
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A man shall be satisfied with food by the fruit of his mouth; and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. Proverbs 12:14.

Brandon Report Blood Drive

Several Kings Mountain citizens suffered from burning ears at Friday night's football game. They were sitting close to some Rutherfordton spectators and the remarks passed concerning the poor City Stadium facilities (parking, seats, no dressing rooms, etc.) were somewhat damaging to civic pride. And, of course, there was no rebuttal.

The remarks further emphasized that the City of Kings Mountain, while in excellent fiscal condition today, is actually in poor condition considering the amount of civic services needed and what they cost—bearing out the interesting report on capital needs presented the city board of commissioners last week by City Engineer E. C. Brandon, Jr.

Mr. Brandon said the immediate needs would require \$253,000, and he did not include in these figures any outlay for completing (or building another) stadium, nor any estimates for streets, gutters or sidewalks.

Mr. Brandon, of course, was entirely in order in presenting the foremost needs for basic city services first.

Some several items of the immediate needs can be taken care of out of each annual budget (for example, the \$4,000 billing machine is already on order and will be received and paid for during 1949-50), but it appears that a minimum of \$213,000 of Mr. Brandon's estimated \$253,000 will have to come from a bond issue. Itemized are: replacement of McGill sewer tank, \$90,000, 4.2 miles of sewer extensions \$78,000, and 2.5 miles of water line extensions, \$40,000. Item Number 1, the McGill sewer tank is the most-pressing need. No further additions are being made to the sewer tank, which means many people building inside the city are having to install septic tanks or outdoor privies—yet they are also paying city taxes. Other points in Mr. Brandon's report were also interesting, particularly the notes concerning street paving and city sewerage fees. Many cities have already switched to these plans of operation, requiring owners of abutting property to pay for street improvements and requiring everyone getting sewer service to pay a fee for it. These plans are in line with present municipal fiscal policy which requires all departments to carry its own financial load.

But something does need to be done about the Stadium. The Rutherfordton folk were quite right, and the need will not lessen with the years. Kings Mountain, like the nation, is a sports-minded city. Any bond issue presented should include funds for completing the present one or for starting all over in a new location.

Servicemen who fought overseas can undoubtedly give the best testimony of the value of blood plasma, but there are also many citizens who have never served in the armed forces who have seen the lives of a brother, sister, father, mother or child saved by the giving of blood.

The American Red Cross is making a nation-wide effort to establish area blood banks, not only for use in individual cases, but in the event of terrible disaster in any particular locality.

Remember the explosion which leveled Texas City, Texas, or the terrible fire which razed Bar Harbor, Maine? North Carolina and Kings Mountain are no more immune from disaster than these two areas. The request of the local Red Cross for blood donors should not go unheeded. In fact, there should be many more than the 200 requested from Kings Mountain.

Your blood may save someone's life—maybe even your own.

The jump in taxable valuations during the past year is indicative of the new construction which has been underway in Kings Mountain and throughout Cleveland County during 1947. Taxable valuations in Kings Mountain jumped \$827,581, while the jump for the whole of the county was around \$4,000,000. Real property improvements are necessary if a community or county is to grow, and it appears that this area is not at all content to stand still.

Saturday is the last day to register for the November 2 general election. Citizens of voting age should register and vote—no matter who they plan to vote for, Truman, Dewey, Thurmond—or even Wallace.

When volunteer workers visit you and ask a donation for the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library Book Fund, give and give liberally. There is no better investment than books. At the same time, it should be remembered that the solicitors are doing this collecting job out of their own time and for no pay. The check should be ready, without requiring return trips.

Attend the public hearing on the city zoning ordinance next Thursday night. Persons who fail to attend and voice their opinions will have no complaint if the law, when passed, does not suit them.

The Bethware Progressive Club deserves a pat-on-the-back for its successful Community Fair of last weekend. The exhibits were excellent and those attending enjoyed themselves very much.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Actual construction of the much discussed overhead bridge at the corner of Railroad avenue and King street has begun.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mary Mitchell entertained members of her bridge club and invited guests at Pine Knot on Monday evening.

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

The Fellowship Group of the First Presbyterian church gave a delightful moonlight picnic at Lake Montona last Thursday.

The Patterson Grove club met with Mrs. R. B. Lovin Thursday afternoon with good attendance.

Mrs. Hunter Neisler and daughter, Pattie Ann, spent the past weekend with friends in Gastonia.

martin's medicine

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

Taste

The word "taste" is an important one, not only in the language, but in the lives of everyone, for it is used throughout a person's life from the time he takes his first sip of milk (natural or bottle variety).

But I didn't know how important the matter of taste was until I checked with Dr. Webster, who list no less than 11 different meanings and a whole paragraph of synonyms.

The ordinary usage of the word "taste" refers to the sense thereof, which is a mighty important sense. Dr. Webster goes into a lot of detail and big words which only the medicos would understand in explaining that the sense of taste originates on the tongue and inside of the mouth. Little electrical outlets in the palate tell the brain whether the particular article taken in is bitter, sweet, sour, hot, cold, good, bad or indifferent.

There is some question in my mind about this sense of taste, for I recall certain experiments during a course in psychology which rather well proved that the sense of taste, to function, has to have some help from the eyes (sense of sight) and nose (sense of smell). This personal type experiment requires a good blindfold and a good big clothespin to hang on the nose and close up the nostrils. During the experiment in which I was the guinea pig, I was chopping down on something. I knew not what, and guess (from the feel of the stuff) that it was a piece of common, ordinary Irish potato. When the clothespin was removed, the taste department immediately started functioning again. Rather than a nice piece of raw potato, it was a nice piece of soap (Ivory) on which I was chewing lightly.

I don't remember what other products were tried, but one of them was not castor oil, which is supposed to be tasteless. I have never found this medicine cabinet staple tasteless—ever.

Anthex talked about test I want to see tried sometime, particularly on these folk who brag about the merits of one particular type of cigarette. The odds are that, blindfolded, the smoker would have an awful time telling the difference between Luckies, Phillip Morris, or even some of those war models people payed black market prices for during the shortage.

Another important field of taste comes in the Emily Post department. Dr. Webster gives the definition as "manner, with respect to what is pleasing" and I suppose he could have added "displeasing." There are several examples of this one, and youngsters begin hearing about it long before school age. Little boys, for instance, should not pull little girls hair, nor put pigtails in inkwells. That is bad taste. This phase of "taste" also continues on through life. One must dress in good taste, talk in good taste, and furnish the house in good taste. Good tastes Numbers 1 and 3 can prove very costly, as hundreds of local husbands will complainingly testify, reminding of the sage statement of Bank Cashier Lawrence Abbott who expands on the old saying "Two can live as cheaply as one" by adding, "..... provided they're men." I did not check with Banker Abbott to determine whether he is speaking from his professional experience with bank loans, or from his domestic experience, but I suspect the latter might have made a greater impression.

Many tastes come under the acquired category. In foods, for instance, sweets seem to appeal to one and all, but Junior has to acquire a taste for vegetables. It often requires everything from bribery, cajoling, pleading and threats of the razor strap to get the young folks to eat green beans, tomatoes, carrots, squash and—or cauliflower. All those I have managed very well, but I rather doubt if I'll ever do any good with cooked cabbage or egg plant. There are other acquired tastes, too, such as the taste for music (any brand), the taste for football, or the taste for travel.

But possibly the worst acquired taste I know of is the "champagne" taste. It is one which, once acquired, will never be lost. I am in no wise referring to that bubbling combination regularly associated with New Year's Eve, but to the acquired taste for good living, featuring any number of component parts, from entertainment to security. The choice of "champagne taste" as suitable nomenclature is not original, but was coined by a

well-known local businessman who is afraid he is afflicted. At the moment he last-mentioned it another of his multifarious insurance premiums (security factor) had just come in, and he was wishing for the good old days when he was happy with five dollars in the wallet and biscuits on the table.

.....but I suppose there's been enough medicine - tasting for today.

Check-Up On Heating Equipment Is Urged

"With cold weather approaching, heating equipment should be checked and conditioned for safe winter service," Ben Jenkins, county agent for the State College Extension Service, warned today. Fire strikes with out warning and it is not particular whose property it destroys, he said. Farmers, especially, cannot afford to give fire a chance, the county agent asserted, adding that 90 percent of the annual farm fire loss of 100 million dollars could be prevented.

The National Safety Council points out that defective chimneys rank high as a cause of farm fires during the heating season. For safety, repair cracks or other defects and replace rusted or burned out stove pipes.

See that combustible materials are protected or kept a safe distance from hot surfaces. Use a metal or asbestos floor under wood or coal burning stoves. Use double metal ventilated thimbles where stove-pipes pass through frame walls or partitions.

Another group of farm fires is started by sparks on roofs. A spark arrester on the chimney will eliminate this risk. This hazard can also be reduced by installing fire-retardant roofing.

Other farm fires are due to the misuse of petroleum and its products. Every time you use gasoline, kerosene, or tractor fuel to start or hasten a fire, you invite disaster. Don't gamble with leaky connections, defective equipment, or poor adjustment on kerosene stoves or oil burning furnaces.

Tank heaters, feed heaters, or any other type of heating equipment around the farmstead should also be checked carefully. See that they are in good condition and installed safely. Defective tank heaters, or installations too close to buildings, straw or other inflammable materials lead to many costly winter fires.

Bred Duroc gilts averaged \$200 each in the State sale held recently at Rocky Mount.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of William A. White, deceased, late of Cleveland County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased, to exhibit them at my residence at 101 Ramseur street in the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, on or before the 8th day of October, 1949 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment.

This 8th day of October, 1948.
Mrs. Mary Lou White,
Administratrix of the Estate of
William A. White, deceased.
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the City Hall, Kings Mountain, N. C., at 8 p. m., October 28, 1948, for the purpose of considering a tentative zoning ordinance and map.

The public is urged to be present for this important meeting to hear this plan explained.

J. B. KEETER,
Chairman Planning Board
City of Kings Mountain

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