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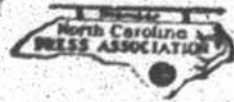
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

When they heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. St. Matthew 2:9.

Four Eagle Scouts

It is indeed unusual for four members of one Boy Scout group to attain the highest rank in Scouting at the same time, but that is the record. Gene Mauney, Bratton Summ- mt. Jr., Johnny Kiser and Charles Mauney, all members of Troop 2, were the four Scouts who have achieved the top rung in the Boy Scout organization.

To become an Eagle Scout requires much time, work and study, and one can be sure that a boy who has met the many tests on the road to that rank is a well-rounded youth, with more than usual energy and tenacity of purpose.

At the same time we are congratulating the four new Eagle Scouts the Herald would also like to add a word of commendation to their scoutmaster, Laney Dettmar. Mr. Dettmar has long been identified with the Boy Scout program here, and his record of leadership is a remarkable one. Much credit is due him for the interest and devotion to boys Mr. Dettmar has demonstrated.

The transfer to Hickory of the office of the reserve army unit which has been in Kings Mountain is regretted, but it couldn't have come at a better time. The city is now able to continue to make available to the Red Cross chapter rent-free office space. While it is not necessarily the common practice for a city to furnish office space to the Red Cross, it is nevertheless, an especially good arrangement in Kings Mountain. Not being a county seat, the county's welfare office is not too close to the scene, and, being a small city, no provisions for welfare work are made by the city. Thus the Red Cross, in fact, is the city's lone welfare agency. It performs needed services not otherwise available, and, since it is supported solely by gifts of citizens, the saving in rent is a considerable help to the organization.

Our congratulations to Rev. J. W. Phillips who has been elected president of the Ministerial association for the coming year and re-elected chairman of the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district.

If you know of a needy family who might not otherwise have a pleasant Christmas, turn in their names and addresses to a Jaycee or to the local Red Cross office. The Lions and Jaycees are collaborating to make Christmas a happy day for everyone.

Make your plans to attend the Jaycee dance on Tuesday night, December 28. The singing of Patty Osborne will be worth the price of admission, not to mention the other entertainment of the evening.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. J. H. Stewart entertained the Home Arts club on Thursday afternoon and entertained at five tables of bridge and rook at her home on West Gold street Tuesday afternoon.
A delightful meeting of the Study Club was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Williams on Tuesday after-

Christmas 1948

In what seems a fleeting moment, it is again the Christmas season, one year later.

The year 1948 is warring quickly, and it is not only time for Santa Claus' annual visit, but for the usual inventory of progress during the past 12 months.

It has been an interesting year, with industry breaking new production records, marking up new dollar profits, Europe getting slowly back on its feet, etc. Materially, the 12 months between Christmas 1947 and Christmas 1948 have been jam-packed with work and growth and progress.

But the world is still chasing the elusive dove of peace, still troubled with the greed of men who measure lives and people as mere stepping stones to more power and greater territory.

The Christ doctrine needs to be spread to all corners of the globe on a 12-month-a-year basis.

The members of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary who heard him were much impressed with State Commander Joe Grier, who addressed the joint meeting of the group. Commander Grier gave an interesting address and his outline of the functions of the American Legion and its program was both entertaining and informative. Mr. Grier made it plain that the Legion is not a get-something-for-nothing organization, but one which is devoted not only to the interests of veterans—particularly disabled veterans—but to the nation as a whole.

It is hoped, of course, that the board of adjustment set up under the city's zoning act, will not have a lot of work to do, since it will be the duty of the board to act on appeals for relief from provisions of the zoning law. However, it probably will have. In appointing to the board Haywood Lynch, Wilson Crawford, W. W. Parrish, John Gantt and M. A. Ware the city board has named a representative group of citizens from all section of the city who are conversant with construction problems and who should be able to handle their duties well.

Headlines: "Davis Replaced as County Attorney," "Dilling Resigns Auditor's Post." Is Kings Mountain still in Cleveland County?

The unfortunate shooting episode in the colored section recently could have been much worse than it was. Some citizens are wondering if it would not be wise for the city to investigate the success of other communities who are using Negro policemen on their forces.

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

noon.
The Fellowship Group and the Seniors of First Presbyterian church gave a welcoming party in honor of their group who have been off to school.
Misses Marjorie Rhea and Elizabeth Neill, students at Meredith college, are spending the holidays at their homes in Kings Mountain.

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

Letter To Santa

Dear Santa:

It has been several months since I penned a public letter your way, Mr. Nick, and, what with another season about to roll around and pass by the boards, I don't think it would be wise to take the chance on missing you. Donner and Blitzen might come to the conclusion that the hay crop was bad around here and decide to by-pass this community, and that would be a terrible tragedy.

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As usual, the medicinal list is sufficiently long, and, in some instances, somewhat expensive, but most of these guys I'm writing for have been good little boys, (this letter is not subject to wifely censorship), and a little help from you would mean a lot.

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Claude, Hambright, Tolly Shuford and all these dry goods merchants could be well satisfied with some 20-below temperatures that would last a minimum of three weeks. Here they have a mess of stuff on hand to keep folks warm, and folks have been busy trying to keep cool in the unseasonable weather. Incidentally, if you have any information on this theory about the world slipping in a Southward direction you might pass that along too. The fuel dealers can then concentrate on the ice business, and the merchants on sports shirts.

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Several other groups would be satisfied with a package gift, and among these are the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest alumni. Of course, you'll have to give them a gift certificate for delivery on New Year's Day, but the articles they want are bowl victories, a rather elusive article for Old North State teams, though Duke did manage to cash one in the Sugar Bowl in 1945 and Wake was in the first Gator Bowl game. While I do not intend to slight my Baptist friends in the least, I feel that the UNC squad needs your closer attention. Their star pass-catching end was married over the weekend, which indicates that his department will not be in the best of shape in a short matter of 10 days.

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The local professional groups can also be taken care of in a package manner. Please bring Legal Experts Davis, Harrill and Barnes plenty of business, not of the violent type, but nice juicy retainer accounts which requires little or no work, or, better still, none at all. The city's doctors, Hendricks, Padgett, Ramseur, and Anthony have confided that they will be satisfied if they can get thru '49 on a two-shift operation. This means that all the community's sickness should develop between the hours of 8 a. m. and midnight. The preachers have not completely canvassed their group, but several have indicated they will be happy for a few conversions. The conversions I speak of are not the ordinary brand and have been mentioned here before. They would like to convert the parishioners who yell bloody murder when a request for an additional five-spot is made for the church, yet think nothing of spending a ten-spot, or more, on one evening's entertainment.

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Other individual gifts would be pleasing as follows: please bring J. C. Lackey and Hunter Patterson more home builders with BIGGER down payments... Shu Carlton and Don Parker a couple of 10-second wingbanks who shift like Charlie Justice... and give Johnny McGill a favorable reply from B. S. Neill... I went in Johnny's establishment the other Saturday afternoon, there was a store-full of folk, and still Johnny was cornered off in the back with the banker... the banker was leaning back in his chair in complete repose, but Johnny was virtually in the Neill face in pleading manner... while the nature of their conversation was not disclosed, there isn't but one matter in mind when a fellow is pleading with the banker, I know by experience...

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Last but not least, I'd appreciate a little treatment for the Herald. I'm going to ask a big one this year and will promise to leave off the Christmas requests for sometime to come. Boss, the press, has been acting up in rather unpleasant manner lately, with the clear indication she feels its time — after all these years — to be put out to pasture. The medicinal department and the Herald staff are in complete agreement but a new model, if nothing but a filly, will be required.

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P. S. In case you can't do anything about Boss, you will note in your file that the sock size is 12.

Treat Christmas Trees To Reduce Fire Hazard

The Forest Products Laboratory, after trying various chemical treatments suggested for making Christmas trees less inflammable, has concluded that keeping the tree standing in water is about the most practical, satisfactory, and convenient method, says Ben Jenkins, County Agent for the State College Extension Service.

The procedure recommended is as follows: (1) Buy a tree that has been cut recently. (2) Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally at least one inch above the original cut end, and stand the tree at once in a container of water, keeping the water level above the cut surface during the entire time the tree is in the house. If the tree is not to be set up for several days, it should be kept standing in water in a cool place.

If started in time this treatment not only prevents the needles from drying out and becoming inflammable, but it will also keep them fresh and green and retard the fall of the needles, Mr. Jenkins points out.

Regardless of treatment all possible precautions against fire should be in effect around the Christmas tree, he warns. Defective electrical connections should be eliminated and an accumulation of combustible decorations should not be put on or beneath the tree. The tree should be so that its accidental burning will not ignite curtains or other combustible furnishings nor trap the occupants of a room or building.

Christmas cakes, iced cookies, and other goodies are survivals of the old custom of giving confectionery gifts to the senators of Rome.

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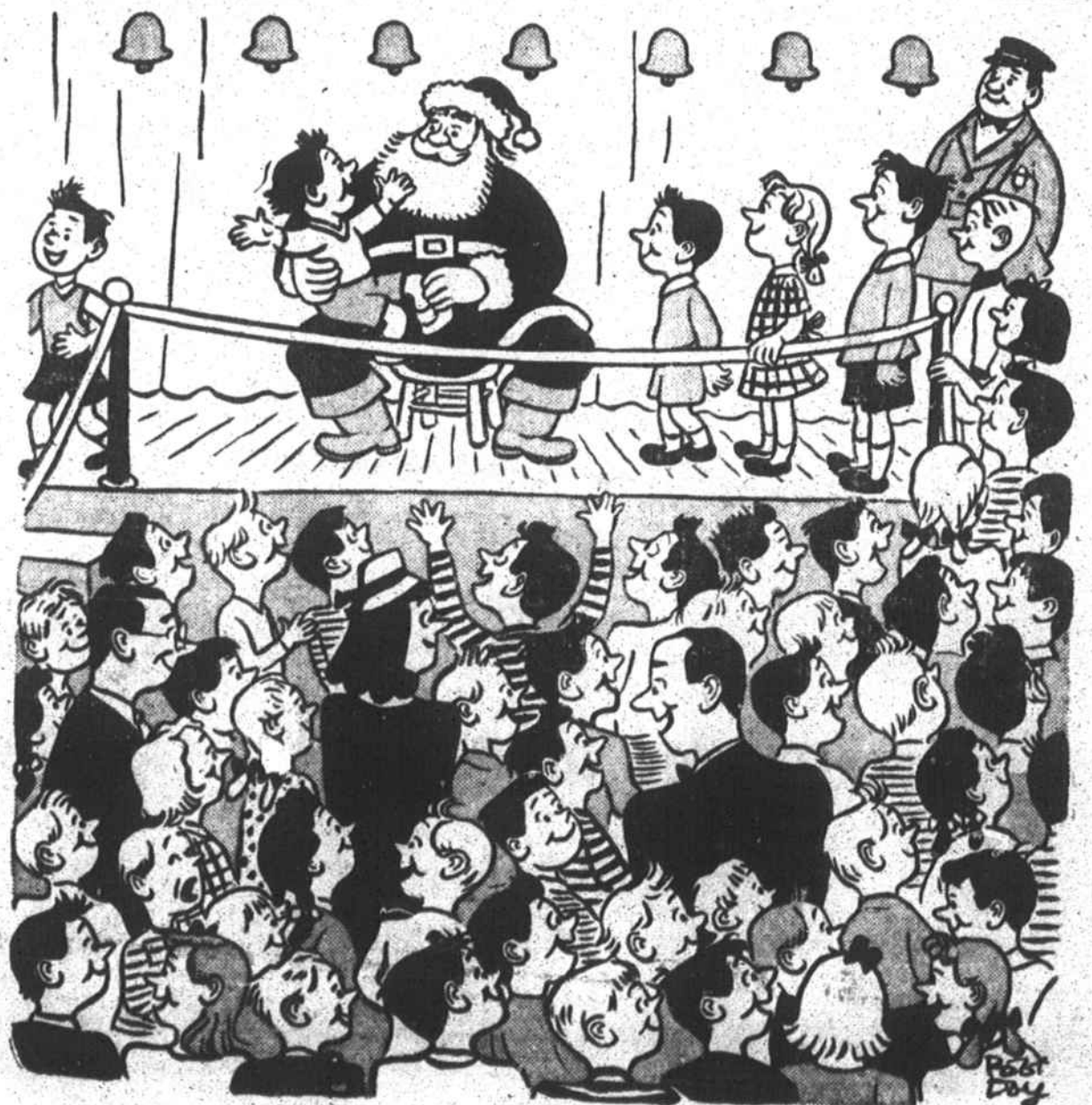
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