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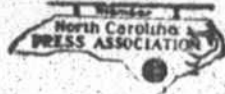
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. II Corinthians 5:3.

A New Year

As has been remarked before, it is the habit of man to reminisce fondly over the past, to chafe at the present, and to fear the future, and, as a general rule, the fears frequently prove to be foolish ones.

At the moment, and by habit, the professional prophets who gaze into the crystal ball and report what the average citizen and business man may expect during the coming year, are hard at work.

Mr. Babson's predictions are appearing in many papers. Fortune reports on the opinions of the nation's business executives, and the confidential reporting gentlemen like Kiplinger and others have survived the November 2 debacle and are telling all customers what will be what, why and how.

In general, the natural conservatism of man is catching up with one and all. After all, 1948 was good and it some time has to level off. Of course, there are other signs too. Locally, Kings Mountain had witnessed a slowing up in the previously fast pace of textiles. Otherwise, this was a Christmas at which about every gift wanted was purchasable, with the exception of popularly-priced automobiles. The items were purchasable, that is, at a price.

General opinion predicts a "mild recession" year during 1949, meaning an "adjustment" year. Most feel that after the adjustments are made the nation will enjoy several good business years, where the pace is not quite as fast as it has been since mid-1945, but just plain, steady good business.

Announcement by Fred Wright, Jr., and Elmer Rhea that they are going to start at once a 50-unit Negro housing development will come as good news not only to our colored citizens but to others as well. There is a definite need for more and better modest- rental negro housing. That each house will have a modern bathroom is another interesting part of the announcement. Too often citizens have complained about uncleanness among colored citizens without providing the means for cleanliness. Of course, the project is a business venture for Messrs Wright and Rhea. But it is another of those business ventures which improves the community, on which theory the American free enterprise system is based.

A few more checks are needed to complete the Kings Mountain Jaycees' quota for the T-B X-Ray machine. Business and industrial firms which have not made contributions to the fund should send in the \$1.00 per employee checks, which will prove a good investment for the future health of their employees and the community.

It is time to buy your city auto license and to list your taxes for the coming year.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Keeter's Department Store was awarded first prize in the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Men's Club, with the Kings Mountain Drug Company taking second prize. The prizes were awarded purely on decorative display and not for any idea expressed. Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker were awarded first prize for residence decorations with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams taking second place.

"Governor" Scott

As is customary when a candidate is elected governor, he immediately receives the title "Governor," even though his inauguration is several weeks away. Not only is Kerr Scott no exception to the standing rule, but he has already begun to operate along lines which indicate he is shaping things for a strong gubernatorial program.

His "we, the people," address to members of the North Carolina Citizens association, was what the newspaper profession would call a "hulu," and some of his other public utterances, including his request for resignations from certain key men in the government, were the same.

In his address to the Citizens association, he referred to the organization's publication "We, the People," and asked the association if it were "we the people against the people," pointing out that the association frequently acted that way. He also served notice on utilities to get on the ball or face revocation of their franchises, pointing out that a government protected monopoly should not expect to skim the cream alone and leave the bluejohn.

North Carolina's gubernatorial position is strong only by virtue of the governor's appointive power and prestige, for the governor has no veto. Thus it will be interesting to note whether Governor Scott, with these two weapons, can effectively control what some say is a "Johnson" legislature. Many think he can certainly for the first meeting of the General Assembly under the Scott tenure.

The results will be interesting, for Mr. Scott is the freshest political innovation in North Carolina in many years. He ran on a "people's" platform, and his pre-inaugural utterances indicate he is going to do his best to carry them out. If he is successful in this, he will make North Carolina one of its best governor's, even though he will probably be considerably unpopular in some quarters.

George Houser, who is serving as industrial gifts chairman for this year's fund campaign for the Infantile Paralysis foundation, should be greeted with warm smiles and sizeable checks. Last summer's polio epidemic should be sufficiently fresh in the minds of local people to insure liberal donations to this fund. The fund is used for relief and treatment of polio victims, and, more important, for research to ferret out the cause and method of prevention of this dread disease which has blighted the lives of many youngsters.

Chairman W. W. (Bill) Tolleson reports the Girl Scout fund is almost over the top on its \$1,000 quota. If you haven't sent in a check, attend to the matter today.

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

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Ben Jr., and Bibb Goforth were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw in Belmont at a family dinner on Christmas Day.

Mrs. H. R. Parton, Miss Salena Parton and Lynwood Parton were guests of Mrs. Parton's sister, Mrs. B. R. Davis, of Union, S. C., on Christmas day.

martin's medicine

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

Year's Windup

With Christmas over, it is now time for all good men to set to work to close out the books on 1948, take inventory and clear the desks for the arrival of 1949, an occurrence which is only a few hours away.

There's a lot to do, and a lot coming up. Most folks, like President Truman, found Santa Claus somewhat too good to them, and there's the business of getting over the excess of turkey in this best-fed nation of the world. Several times during the holiday season, it would have been of considerable benefit to the medicinal constitution if the quantities of good things could have been transported by magic carpet to some spot in the globe where food is not as plentiful.

But to get back to clearing the book...

Since Saturday is train day in New Orleans (you know, Choo, Choo), it is an ideal time to remove from the hook a most enjoyable note received from Rev. J. G. Winkler, who is now dispensing Methodism down at Asheboro and who is a most loyal alumnus of the West Durham school once known as Trinity, wrote shortly after the Duke-Carolina game as follows:

For some unknown and uncalculated reason, a Carolina fan went all out in trouble to get me two football tickets to the recent Carolina-Duke game. It was terrible to see, hurrying way on down below the corns on your toes. These puns didn't begin until after the first period and near the close of the game they were most acute. Now what burns me up is this: that demon friend who gave me the tickets meets me on the street and instead of greeting me in the usual manner, he just says "Choo-Choo". Well, I may get over it but when Duke again gets on the ball, I'll speak to my friend in the language befitting a Blue Devil.

Having run through a number of dry years myself, I know how the good Methodist brother felt, and there are some few who think I'll feel the same way again on Saturday, but I'll still look forward to the first day of '49 with considerable optimism.

Speaking of next year, there is one resolution I intend to make, it is this: pastures, very frequently, are not as green on the other side of the fence as they look. The reason pastures are greener, of course, is that the looker is not fully acquainted with the situation on the other side. It's somewhat like getting an aerial view of a green pasture. It look smooth and nice, but try to set down on it and the plane will crack up. But I have a special instance in mind. A short time ago, I had about decided to set myself up as a commission buyer on the Neisler Mills sales room. Shortly before Thanksgiving I had had the following post card from a lady in another city: "I would like to know if the slip cover and upholstery material Mill Store (across from mill over combination store and filling station on road to Spartanburg over R. R. just out of Kings Mt.) will be open Nov. 26 (Friday after Thanksgiving)". The medicinal department figured out that this was the Neisler salesroom and the information was forwarded.

The salesroom does not accept checks, nor will it accept mail orders. About two weeks later, a letter came addressed to the paper from another lady in the same city. She enclosed a check and sample, and asked that I get three yards of the particular material. She had run out and wasn't done. As it wound up, I bought what looked like the same piece of goods, but what turned out to be the same pattern, but a lighter shade. The original was fresh out. It was with fear and trembling that I mailed the parcel and enclosed a note apologizing for the botchy job I'd done. A few days later I had a reply. The lady was very gracious. "It's quite all right," she wrote. "I've used the material and if anybody notices the difference, I'll just tell them it's an optical illusion."

But I am already out of the commission buyers' business.

Back to resolutions, I heard a good one the other day. "I'll be glad when New Year's Day comes," a well-known local gentleman remarked. "I'm going to make a resolution not to talk about people. I made the same one last year and I felt better than I ever had in my life. Of course, it only lasted three days. A certain fellow's name came up, and I just had to break over."

Happy New Year.

by way of mention

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Riley and son, Dale, spent Christmas afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Riley on Route three.

Miss Ann Costner spent the week end with relatives in Cherryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Payne had as their guests Christmas day her father, Rev. J. L. Armstrong, of Gastonia and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McClellan had as their guests Christmas Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClellan all of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Riley had as their guests Christmas night Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Hickory and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smart and daughter, Patsy, of Casar.

Mrs. H. B. Jones had as her guests recently Mrs. Darwin McCarier and Miss Hazel McCarier of Bethany.

Mr. and Mrs. Calloway Henderson and daughter, Betty Lou, and Mr. Bill Davis spent Christmas with relatives in Concord.

Mr. Paul Brady of Salisbury spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Frank Gladden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Riley had as their guests Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Fred Acuff of Grover and Pvt. Bill Riley of Fort Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cline wish to say thanks a million to the many friends who remembered them so generously during this Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adams spent the holidays with relatives in Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cline had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Tal Parker of Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Harmon had as their guests recently Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Fogelman, Mr. C. G. McCraw and Mr. Carl McCraw, Jr., and Miss Doris June McCraw all of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hope had as their guests Monday Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dawson and son Mike, of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Hips and family of Beam's Mill and Mrs. Dave Smith Sr., of Lawndale, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith, Jr., and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wright and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hope had as their guests Christmas day their children, grandchildren and Mr. A. E. Cline.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS
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