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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. St. Matthew 11:28.

Unemployment

The report here that 826 persons had applied for unemployment compensation benefits for the week ending January 9 was read concurrently with reports from other parts of the nation that claims were increasing.

Of course, the report here does not give an actual figure of persons totally unemployed, for many of the claims were for temporary periods, while others represent the "week off" claims of persons working every other week.

Nevertheless, the trend is not good, and it is a fair indication that the long-talked-about adjustment period has arrived, with its concurrent return of a buyer's market, lower prices and — the bad part — some unemployment.

The nation thus, as it did in the late thirties, is feeling the benefits of this program. It is now being used as designed, to aid individuals caught in the backwash of less-lush economic periods.

In North Carolina, the Unemployment Compensation Commission several months ago pointed to a huge surplus and the high cost of living, and recommended changes in the law which would raise the maximum benefits and lengthen the present 16-week period, during any year, that an unemployed worker can draw benefits.

There is undoubtedly merit to the recommendations, but the Herald would favor more strongly lengthening of the benefit period. While North Carolina's law has been administered amazingly well, both to covered workers, and to employers who have paid the freight, the same has not been true in some other states. The maximum payment should not be at such a high point that a worker would be content to rest on the benefit checks—a situation noted with some servicemen after discharge. It is not so much the money that counts, but the damage to the morale of the individual who thinks he's getting something for nothing.

The Herald hopes to see construction underway soon on the National Guard's motor shed. The natural follow-up will be construction of an Armory. The good thing about an Armory is that, in peace time, it can serve the needs of a community for a variety of activities, for which the city is in dire need. The owners of the site purchased — Mrs. G. W. King and Mrs. J. H. Thomson — are to be commended on their civic spirit in making the property available for such a purpose.

Our congratulations to Fairview Lodge Number 339, A. F. & A. M., which on Monday night observed its 75th anniversary. Over the years, the Masonic lodge here — in its quiet manner — has rendered much service contributing to the welfare of the community.

Our sympathy to the family of W. Boyce Simonton, former city clerk, and longtime citizen. Mr. Simonton had been in ill health for the past several years and was not well-known by younger citizens. Older ones,

Sewer Survey

W. K. Dickson, the sewer engineer, merely put into actual figures what the city board of commissioners, and the people as well, knew already when he made his report at the board's recent meeting.

He told the board it would have to spend about \$175,000 to make the McGill tank adequate, and an additional \$33,000 to provide sewer extensions to areas where home builders now have to install septic tanks or outdoor privies.

Statement-wise, the city is in good shape. At the end of the current fiscal year the bonded indebtedness will be approximately \$300,000, which sounds like a lot of money to an individual, but, considering the assets of the city, is not too bad.

As has been remarked here before, the unfortunate part of the City of Kings Mountain's situation is not its present fiscal condition, but the fact that much in the way of capital outlay needs to be done, not for frills and such, but for basic services which a city is supposed to provide in turn for payment of taxes. A citizen who builds inside the city limits and who cannot get city services is being penalized. He would have been better off to have built outside.

The city board is turning over the prospects of a bond election in its collective mind, and it may offer one to cover the needed sewer outlay. Of course, there's a city election scheduled in May and, any bond election offered before then, would almost surely get involved in personality politics. But then it probably would anyway.

Should a bond election be offered, and passed, the Herald would offer one suggestion, and that is to schedule payment of the bonds at a faster rate than government agencies sometimes do. While the Herald recognizes the dangers of getting the debt service part of the budget too overloaded, it nevertheless seems mighty costly to carry bond issues over too long a period. If the Herald is not in error, the city will not complete paying for its water plant until 1968.

Some editor in the state voiced the opinion several years ago that government surpluses cause more trouble than deficits. By that he meant that, when there are indications of a surplus, plenty of people find too many places to spend it in. The legislators, even if they want to, never get a chance to think about cutting a tax rate or two. Here is North Carolina with a nice surplus, and they're wondering how to find enough money to take care of the budget in the next biennium. But, in this modern day, economizing is not a popular recreation.

From results so far, it appears that local sports fans will have an interesting diet for the next six weeks. Coach Don Parker's high school basketball team has developed into a winning combination, and Coach Mabel Carpenter's young ladies are also doing very well.

however, knew him as a man of keep-good humor and as a good citizen.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, which was organized that week, held their second meeting last Monday evening at the City Hall, with President Byron Keeter presiding.

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

PRICE NOTE

Home Stores was advertising fat back at 3 lbs. for 25c, pork chops at 19c lb., pork sausage at 15c lb. shortening 4 lbs. 39c, and salmon, tall cans, 10c.

martin's medicine

By Martin Hammon

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

Breakfast

When I sauntered into the Country Club last week for the March of Dimes kickoff breakfast, I was about seven minutes late, and the lateness brought on several snide remarks from those already present and straining at the leash to get to the table.

About all I could do, in the face of remarks like Charlie Blacklock's (that he had already done half-a-day's work), was admit that 8 a. m. is a few minutes before my regular breakfast hour, plus the defense that, while my day begins later than some folks, it ends later too, in the normal course of events, which makes for a trial balance, at least.

Places were set for a half-dozen who didn't show up at the breakfast, which worked out very well for the breakfasters, if not for the March of Dimes. My platter of scrambled eggs and accessories must have numbered at least three eggs, a South Carolina-size serving of grits, and four pieces of bacon. This, plus tomato juice, more toast than could be used, and coffee, left those present in a glowing good humor and with more than a little optimism that Kings Mountain would do its share for the polio fund. It is unfortunate that the whole community couldn't attend a breakfast like that, for, after that they'd be in sufficient fine fettle to write real handsome checks.

Host Ollie Harris was a little disappointed that some of the campaign workers weren't present, but it has been my experience that a breakfast engagement is about the easiest kind to forget. A guy awakens half-way, and, if he's like the medicine department, operates in a fog until the second cup of coffee anyway.

Come to think about it, I can't remember going "out" to breakfast but two other times in my life. One was a Chamber of Commerce membership kickoff affair, and we had the same trouble Ollie did. When I called one committee member, he was already midway between his ham 'n eggs at home.

The other one was the annual Horse Show breakfast at Blowing Rock in 1940. This one was easy to make, however, as it didn't get underway until 10:30.

Breakfast is not my best meal, from the quantity standpoint, which will be found unusual in some quarters. A small portion of juice, bacon, poached egg on toast and two cups of coffee fill me up quickly. And my contention is that I eat breakfast principally to keep from getting hungry. This condition changes during the day, with what I call a pyramiding appetite. I do very well at the mid-day meal, and am usually ravishingly hungry at the supper hour. A real good eating day can be topped off about 11 p. m. with one (or two) of John the Greek's barbecues. I suppose I'm somewhat turned around, but an ordinary breakfast tastes unusually good at the supper hour. An egg that tastes flat at 8:30 a. m., tastes as good as a T-Bone steak at 6:30 p. m., and the same goes for hot cakes or waffles, two items I'd turn away from in the morning.

Of course, there's a reason for all this. I had no trouble with hot cakes, eggs, or even that lousy pressed stuff called Spam (the ham what am) while serving aboard ship with Uncle Sam. The call to general quarters an hour before dawn and the concurrent 60 minutes in the freezing air was a tip-top appetite tonic.

Though the subject at hand is breakfast, breakfast can't be separated from the sleeping business. I admire muchly those people who can awaken at a regular hour, without benefit of alarm clock, then hop out of bed feeling fit as a fiddle and full of vim, vigor and vitality.

A lady I once knew contended that this type of getting up was very hard on the nervous system, and that the proper way to arise was to lie quietly until the last vestiges of sleepy-headedness were dissipated into the pillows, but, looking back, and knowing my own getting up troubles, I believe that the lady was merely apologizing indirectly for the same hating-to-arise dilemma.

Some New Year's Day, I'm going to make a resolution to arise an hour before breakfast, and, if there are no chickens to feed or cows to milk, to make a "Yankee-type circle of the block. I believe this would be a better appetizer than orange juice, and would place breakfast in the glorified

category of dinner, and supper, and the midnight snack of the Greek's.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust given by L. D. Cash and wife, Nell Cash to the undersigned as trustee for Mrs. Sadie F. Mauney on the 23rd of October, 1947, now on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in book 335 at page 18, to secure the indebtedness therein mentioned and default having been made in the payment of same and at the request of Mrs. Sadie F. Mauney, I will sell for cash at the courthouse door in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina on Monday, February 14, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., or within legal hours, the following described real estate:

First Tract:

Being lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 according to a blue print of same which is on record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Cleveland County, N. C., in plat book No. 3 at page 3, said lots being 25 feet front each and 272 feet deep and being the same lots conveyed by the Town of Kings Mountain, to N. F. McGill by deed as will appear on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County and also by the Town of Kings Mountain to B. H. Bridges by deed dated the 25th day of September, 1940, as will appear on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in book 5-A at page 29.

Second Tract:

One lot on Gantt Street, situate at or near the corporate limits of the Town of Kings Mountain, N. C., and bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at Gantt Street, at the southeastern corner of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Cash's lot, and runs south 88½ degrees West 173 feet to the southwestern corner of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Cash's lot; thence south 4 West 50 feet; thence North 88½ degrees East 173 feet to Gantt Street; thence North 3 East 50 feet to the Beginning. This the 8th day of January, 1949.

B. S. Neill, Trustee
J. R. Davis, Atty. j-14-f-4



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All Owners of Property are Required to List. Male Persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll tax. You are required to make farm report also, if you live on farm. Dogs must be listed.

See Mr. Ratterree at City Hall in Kings Mountain every week day from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. except the following: Mr. Ratterree will be at Herndon's Store in Grover Monday, January 17 Monday, January 24

MAX HAMRICK,

Cleveland County Tax Supervisor