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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again; but the wicked shall fall into mischief. Proverbs 25:16.

### State Of The Union

President Truman, in his annual state of the union address, pronounced the nation fit in most respects, though he pointed to other Fair Deal measures for greater improvement.

Generally, however, the President's tone was conciliatory to all sides, business, labor, agriculture and even to the Republicans, customarily his favorite whipping boys. In short, it was as predicted, a speech typical of a person who had one eye cocked for this year's elections.

With the elections coming up, almost all Congressmen are anxious to give some tax relief. This is a short-run approach, which ignores the balancing of the budget.

Principal relief, if any, is expected to come in excise taxes, and it does seem high time that these war-born taxes, on transportation, leather goods, furs, jewelry, etc., should be repealed.

Yet repeal won't be much help, if, in these prosperous times, the nation is going to continue to operate on deficit financing. It's still impossible to have the cake and eat it too.

An Associated Press survey reports that many service veterans, most of whom will be getting sizeable dividend checks on National Service Life Insurance during the next few months, plan to save their money. On the other hand, some reported the money was already "spent," meaning that goods had been purchased with the dividend check anticipated as a means of paying off. Regardless of the use of the money, it is certain to prove a boon to business. Those who spend the money will be aiding the several merchants, while those who save the money will undoubtedly do business with the local agencies which, in turn, will have more money for lending to expand business, build homes, etc. Circulation of money is an important factor in prosperity, and the service life insurance dividend will increase that circulation.

A best bow to W. K. Manney, Jr., who will head the March of Dimes fund campaign in Number 4 Township. Past response to this appeal for funds has been all that could be desired, and more. Citizens are always glad to give to aid children, and it is a fact that infantile paralysis more frequently fells children than adults. Our guess is that the Kings Mountain area will again respond most generously to the appeal for funds to fight polio.

Report in last week's Herald on the dividends paid by Kings Mountain building and loan associations is a tacit reminder that saving of sufficient pennies built is quicker than one would think into dollars, for many building and loan savings accounts are built in that way. Kings Mountain has two strong institutions and citizens should avail themselves of the opportunity of opening a savings account, and adding to it regularly. There's nothing like a little cache for a rainy day.

Record of the citizens of Kings Mountain in giving 85 pints of blood for the Red Cross area blood bank is a tribute to the Red Cross, the Jaycees who sponsored last week's Bloodmobile visit, and the citizens themselves. Kings Mountain has a good record in giving blood, becoming increasingly vital in the savings of lives.

Economy advocates in Congress are currently getting the headlines, but our guess is that they won't be by the time budget time comes along.

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1940 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Mrs. Grady W. King, Chairman of the Tuberculosis Xmas Seals Sales reported that a total of \$66.84 was derived from the sales of the seals. This is the highest amount that has ever been sold in Kings Mountain. Mrs. King asked the Herald to express thanks to the workers and those who purchased seals.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**  
Mrs. E. A. Smith was hostess to members of her bridge club on Tuesday afternoon. Sandwiches and tea was served after the game.

Miss Frances Goforth left after the holidays to enroll at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Billy Weil, who has been a member of Belk's clerical force, left soon after the holidays to enter the University of Tennessee.

Theodore Thornburg left recently for school at Erskine College, after spending two weeks with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spearman announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Jane, on Wednesday, January 3.

Mrs. Cora Hayes is spending the winter in Florida. Her address is 3000 Ola avenue.

### martin's medicine

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

### Bess Pastured

Old Bess, The Press, has finally gone to pasture, replaced by a new model, or at least a newer model. While it cannot be truthfully reported that the new press (can't get together on a name for it yet) is a spirited three-year-old, it is rather considerably less aged and more spirited than Old Bess, whose limbs were getting weak in several spots.

The news of Bess' retirement will likely cause a shedding of tears in several spots around town, in addition to the Herald office, for many an hour of strain and pain (and just possibly an occasional cuss word) have been spent in keeping Bess in operation. I refer to Bill Simpson and his staff at Kings Mountain Machine Works, F. W. Davis, Hilliard Black and Company at the Margrace machine shop, Grady King, and several others who have put the welding torch to many spots to repair breaks of one kind and another.

But like a true champion, Bess always came through, and she seemed to gain strength toward the end for the final surge toward the finish line. Bess, ordinarily most temperamental in the busiest season, usually saved her most serious displays of ailment for the pre-Christmas rush, while her more ordinary simple-to-repair tantrums usually occurred early in the week. But during the past two months she managed very well, taking the December rush in stride with only one minor breakdown, that the re-breaking of an "arm" in her roller assembly, which had happened so many times in caused no great worry or time to fix.

We don't know just what Bess' age is, and like the delicate lady she is, Bess wouldn't tell either. But one can always guess...

Jack Harrison, the mechanical expert who installed the new "daddy-size" model, says he doesn't know, but that Bess could be approaching 80, an extra ten years over the promised three-score ten. But there's no guarantee about that. The Herald can account for 30-plus years of Bess' service. She had been in use at Elberton, Ga., for about six months when the owner died, and it was purchased by the late G. G. Page for the Herald. Bess' first issue of the Herald was printed on February 19, 1920, nigh on to 30 years ago. It was the first "at home" issue of the Herald since the Christmas 1919 issue, the paper having been printed in Charlotte during the intervening weeks. Gene Matthews recalls, Mr. Page, in an editorial note of that time, indicated that Bess was temperamental, even from the start. He reported: "At last! Well, we hope not exactly that, but after a long time, we have our new Cottrell press in operation and are printing this issue of the Herald on it... As we write this we have no idea what sort of print we'll get as there are about a thousand adjustments about it and all of them guessed at. If this paper is printed we'll let us all rejoice. If it isn't we'll turn some more screws and change some gears and get it up what we can before next printing day. When we get her to running full tilt, you can all come in and take a look if you like, but you better wait until we say the word, as you might catch us in a scrape with it."

Bess' first effort didn't look too bad. The big news of the week was that the late Wiley McGinnis, then mayor, had declined appointment by the county commissioners as registrar of deeds. The issue contained account of the death of Forrest Floyd and reported that both Kings Mountain schools were closed due to an influenza epidemic. The advertising was interesting too. A Mr. Goldman had purchased Miller's Ready-to-Wear and was opening the store at The Bee Hive, and Anton Brothers had a sale on, featuring 5,000 pairs of shoes at half-price. Headline of the Kings Mountain Building and Loan advertisement was "Paying Out \$20,000," and Kings Mountain Garage, owned by W. E. Manney, was featuring Fordson Tractors. Arthur Hoy was telling the folks where to buy fire insurance. Woodrow Wilson was about to turn over the office of president to Warren Harding, and the medicinal editor wasn't born yet.

Bess was an interesting gal and put an impression on a world of type. Temperamental as she was, all the present Herald staff will long remember her.

### Bulletin Published On Turkey Raising

"Higher Farm Income with Turkeys," a 40-page bulletin giving results of a study of turkey production in Anson and Union Counties, was published this week by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

The publication, illustrated with charts and graphs, was prepared by Walter H. Pierce, associate agricultural economist. The study was undertaken to obtain information that could be used in planning farm organizations which include turkeys. Anson and Union were selected because they comprise one of the main turkey-producing areas in the State.

Pierce points out that turkey production has increased rapidly in North Carolina during recent years. Cash income from the sale of turkeys advanced from an annual average of slightly more than half a million dollars before World War II to 2.6 million dollars in 1948.

He attributes the increase to several reasons: (1) turkey production offers a chance to increase the size of business on farms where the cash crop acreage is limited; (2) turkeys utilize family labor effectively without interfering seriously with other farm enterprises; (3) when well managed, turkeys are an effective means for making surplus feed grains produced on the farm.

However, Pierce says, there are several disadvantages to turkey production. One is the great amount of risk involved because of turkey mortality and the uncertainty of prices. Another is the large amount of operating capital needed.

It is essential, says the author, that farmers have a ready market outlet, so the birds can be processed as soon as they reach maturity.

Copies of the bulletin may be obtained from the local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station Raleigh. Ask for Experiment Station Bulletin No. 367.

### Burlington Sets Unit Sales Record

Final figures for the company's 25th year of operation show consolidated net sales of \$263,497,942, and net earnings of \$18,218,360 which, after providing for preferred dividends, are equivalent to \$4.30 per common share. These results compare with consolidated net sales of \$288,161,509 and net earnings of \$31,219,943 for the 1948 fiscal year. After providing for preferred dividends, these earnings figure \$7.53 per common share.

Mr. Love, in commenting on the record unit sales volume, states that a portion of the increase was due to enlarged production facilities, but actually the decline in dollar volume of 9 percent was much more than fully accounted for by lower prices.

World soybean production for 1949 is estimated at 501.7 million bushels, 10 percent below the record harvest of 1948. Smaller crops are reported for the United States, China, and several of the minor producing countries.

Generally lower prices for live stock and livestock products are in prospect for 1950, partly as a result of increased supplies.



### FAMILY FRIEND... GOLDEN GUERNSEY MILK

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### Vets Urged To Save Part Of NSLI Pay

GREENSBORO.—Veterans' Organizations and their auxiliaries in North Carolina with a combined membership of more than 150,000 are urging veterans to buy U. S. Savings Bonds with at least a part of their National Service Life Insurance Dividends.

It is estimated that more than \$50,000,000 in NSLI dividend checks will be distributed to veterans in North Carolina during the next few months, ranging from \$100 to \$500 to each. The back of each dividend check will bear the words: "Invest It Wisely—Buy U. S. Savings Bonds."

This special Bond campaign will tie in with a nation-wide effort among Veterans' Groups to remind all veterans that U. S. Savings Bonds are ideal financial reserves and are a safe investment for future purchase of a home, for retirement, for education of their children and for emergencies.

State Commanders of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans of World War II, and Disabled American Veterans have appointed State Savings Bonds Chairmen who will head up the Savings Bonds program in their respective organizations.

Chairmen for the North Carolina Veteran Groups are: John J. Barnhardt, Concord; American Legion; William J. Moody, Greensboro, Veterans of Foreign Wars; W. R. Lewis, Greensboro, Disabled American Veterans; and W. C. McClellan, Raleigh, AMVETS.

Production of frozen concentrated orange juice has increased rapidly during the last few years and reached a total of 10 million gallons last season.

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## WOODWARD'S

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Kings Mountain in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on December 31, 1949, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 906,067.20
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,254,388.50
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	307,052.36
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	79,000.00
Corporate stocks (including \$5,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	6,000.00
Loans and discounts (including \$ None overdrafts)	1,057,597.91
Bank premises owned \$48,000.00	59,300.00
Furniture and fixtures \$11,300.00	3,849.31
Other assets	59,300.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,673,255.28</b>

  

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,209,895.14
Time deposits of individuals	601,126.05
Partnerships and corporations	52,916.85
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	440,557.73
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	440,557.73
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	88,512.88
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$3,393,008.65</b>
Other liabilities	1,569.22
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,394,577.87</b>

  

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Common stock, total par, \$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	46,177.41
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	52,500.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 278,677.41</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,673,255.28</b>

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$791,200.00  
Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of 12,655.38

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, ss:  
I, L. E. ABBOTT, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. E. ABBOTT, Cashier  
CORRECT—Attest:  
G. A. Bridges  
L. P. Baker  
R. L. Mauney  
My Com. Ex. April 28, 1950. Directors

# CITY TAX LISTING

## Now Underway

### BOOKS CLOSE JANUARY 31

All persons are hereby notified that they must list their property, both personal and real, and all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 must list their polls during the month of January as required by law.

# See The Tax Lister

## IN THE COURTROOM

### At City Hall

CLARENCE E. CARPENTER  
Tax Lister

# City of Kings Mountain