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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Thou shalt not raise a false report; put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. Exodus 23:1.

O. Max Gardner, Jr.

Announcement that O. Max Gardner, Jr., 27-year-old son of the former Governor and Ambassador, would seek nomination and election to the North Carolina Senate from the 27th district, was well-received in Cleveland County and throughout the other counties of the district.

The citizens of the state generally and of this area in particular are mindful of the contributions his father made to this state and nation and they feel that his son will follow in his footsteps.

Young Mr. Gardner has already evidenced in the past few years a keen interest in political and governmental affairs, and he is already marked by those who know him as not only a "comer" in politics, but as a young man blessed with fair-mindedness and keen judgment.

The Herald's guess is that O. Max Gardner, Jr., will win nomination and election and that he will serve the district and North Carolina capably.

New Idea On Roads

The North Carolina League of Municipalities has tendered the State Highway Commission a recommendation that the state take over the building of city streets as well as primary highways and secondary roads.

Of course, it is not anticipated that the Highway Commission will look with favor on the recommendation for the commission's hands are already full.

Reason for the recommendation of the League, which is the spokesman for the majority of city governments of the state, are several, it would appear. They include the fact that cities have no revenue for the building of streets, other than assessments and taxes, and the fact that they receive a very minor portion of the income from the state's gasoline tax.

This paper has long felt the cities do not get their proper share of the gasoline tax, though it was raised by the 1949 General Assembly from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000. At the same time, strings are attached. The share of each city, based on population, amounts to a "book" credit, which is first used on primary highways passing through the particular city, then for other streets. If the fund is not spent during the fiscal year, then it reverts to the general highway fund, with no carry-over credit provision.

City governments asked for one cent of the gas tax revenue, and this seems a logical division, for certainly one-seventh of the gasoline burned is burned on city streets. In addition, the Herald feels that the money should be paid out to the cities in actual cash, for use on whatever streets the cities wish, much in the same plan that the intangibles tax is returned to the cities and counties.

The City of Kings Mountain's financial statement for the first six months of the current fiscal year showed the city operating below its anticipated expenditures. It is unfortunate that other government entities don't do the same. There are a lot of ways to avoid deficits and the most simple method is putting a brake on the spending department.

A best bow to Rev. W. H. Stender, who has been named to head the Kings Mountain district Boy Scout organization during the coming year.

Those who haven't paid their 1949 tax bills to the city and county will find it to their benefit to pay them prior to February 1, when penalties for late payment apply. It's hard enough to pay taxes anyway, and there seems no necessity for adding penalties to the bill too.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

W. K. Mauney was honored by being presented the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding contribution to boyhood and scouting at the annual meeting and banquet of the Piedmont Council at the headquarters building in Gas.

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

Jean Cash is still out. Miss Patricia Ann Neisler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Neisler is still out of school because of flu.

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

Odds And Ends
 The Herald and medicinal column are mutually grateful for the kind words passed their way on installation of the new newspaper press, which is designed to make the paper more readable and otherwise pleasing in appearance.

And it is with the hope that the several readers of this piece will not be bored with further shop talk that we report the lurid details of the last quarter of last week's Herald football game, which resulted in making the paper late getting to the news stands, and which made the Herald staff know exactly how the Carolina football team felt in the last quarter at New York when Notre Dame turned a football game into a field meet.

Things had run along pretty smooth, what with installing the new press and trying to meet a deadline too, but insufficient time had been allowed to work on the new newspaper folder. The big job was the press, for a paper must be printed before it can be folded. That is where trouble began.

Folders are notably the most troublesome pieces of machinery known to newspaper shops and this one was true to the breed. One paper would come through folded properly, but the next would be out-of-line, would jam into the rollers, after on how's effort to correct the various mechanisms. It was decided that the folder, better be forgotten for one issue and the old manpower method used, something foreign to the Herald shop for more than three years. But this called for rearrangement of the papers already run. First decision was to stop the ink flow and re-run the papers through the press, cutting them as they came through, so the ink rollers were cut out. Then it was decided to print the remaining ones, before working on the others, so Red Walker fired up and started running. After the first dozen or so, the print got lighter and lighter, and it required 15 minutes to realize that the rollers had been cut out. This was taken care of, and after the next dozen or so, the ink became too heavy — result of opening the ink fountain petcocks while the roller was disengaged.

It was just a plain case of demoralization, and I suppose we did as well as possible last week in the face of a rough schedule. Next day we found another reason. What could one expect with an issue dated Friday, the thirteenth?

We're hoping for better things, with that rough date passed.

The weather has been plumb unseasonable for January, which means that there may be something to that "June in January" song El Bingo Crosby popularized many moons ago . . . I am not much for unseasonable weather, preferring that it be hot when it's supposed to be . . . and I am also reminded that I'm glad again I'm not a peach farmer . . . wouldn't be surprised to see the buds a-poppin' any day, if warm weather continues . . . but it's usually warm for a spell in January . . . and cold at Easter here . . .

With the polio fund campaign underway, it's a reminder that giving season is here again, with the Boy Scout drive and Red Cross drive not far distant . . . folks are sometimes inclined to complain about the number and frequency of charitable appeals, but there are few that find they have really given too much when it comes time to make out the income tax reports . . . then they find that the total of contributions doesn't add up to near as much as they thought it would, nor, for income tax purposes, they wish it would . . . around income tax time of year I always remember the story of the North Carolina citizen who had included on his contribution deduction a gift of \$1,000 to a particular church . . . Uncle Sam happened to check up and found the closest the man had come to giving the \$1,000 was in his dreams . . . they made him pay the church the thousand, so the story goes . . .

The New York Times reported in its Sunday edition that sales for the first week of the semi-annual Chicago Furniture Market topped last July's by more than 100 percent. It is a sample of the business optimism prevailing for the first half of 1950, and, of course, furniture is one of the barometers of general business conditions.

The H. E. Lynch home is under construction on Ridge street. The Lynch's sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Ford. The Ford's expect to move in April.

Master Henry Neisler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler, is convalescing from a recent sickness.

Other Editors' Viewpoints

DRAGGING THEIR FEET
 (Stanly News and Press)

This is the season of the year when a great many calls will be made for contributions to various causes and for dues to certain civic organizations.

In this connection, it might be well to point out two things:
 (1) The men who get out and make the calls do it through a sense of civic pride. It costs them in dollars and cents to be away from their business establishments, but they feel that the causes are worthy — that the community will be a better one if we respond generously to the causes and pay liberally to those worthwhile organizations that have as their purpose the betterment of the city.

Negro Farmers Seek Better Dairy Stock
 Quality of the dairy stock owned by Negro farmers in Bladen County will be improved considerably as a result of recent purchases, says A. C. McLenon, Negro county agent for the State College Extension Service.

The purchases include 20 registered Jersey bull calves and one heifer, all obtained from Blitmore Dairy Farms near Asheville. The heifer was placed with R. D. Crockett, and the bulls were distributed among 4-H Club and New Farmers of America members and adult farmers.

"I believe this addition to the dairy stock will help us to build up our dairy interest by supplying the county with some good heifer offsprings," says McLenon. He adds that Negro farmers in the county now have a total of 28 registered bulls, and permanent pasture acreage was increased last fall from 21 to 119 acres.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to extend our many thanks and appreciation for the kindness shown us by our neighbors and friends during the long illness and death of our husband and father, January 10. His constant prayer was that each of our friends meet him in Heaven one day. May God Bless you all.

Mrs. Grover Hoyle and Children

Statement of Condition

Home Building & Loan Association

of Kings Mountain, N. C., as of December 31, 1949
 (Copy of Sworn Statement Submitted To The Commissioner of Insurance as Required by Law.)

Assets	
THE ASSOCIATION OWNS:	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 30,850.94
State of North Carolina and U. S. Government Bonds	\$ 89,800.00
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	\$
Mortgage Loans	\$744,231.59
Money loaned to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local improved real estate.	
Share Loans	\$ 9,776.00
Advances made to our shareholders against their shares. No loan exceeds 90% of amount actually paid in.	
Advances for Insurance, Taxes, Etc.	\$ 171.57
Office Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 600.00
Office Building	\$ 12,500.00
Real Estate Owned	\$
Real Estate Sold Under Contract	\$
Other Assets	\$ 2,226.41
TOTAL	\$890,156.51
Liabilities	
THE ASSOCIATION OWES:	
To Shareholders	
Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on shares as follows:	
Installment Shares	\$ 94,704.75
Full-Paid Shares	\$475,900.00
Prepaid Shares	\$ 3,626.00
Running Shares	\$249,285.27
Other Shares	\$
Notes Payable, Federal Home Loan Bank	\$823,516.02
Notes Payable, Other	None
Money borrowed for use in making loans to members, or retiring matured shares. Each note approved by at least two-thirds of entire Board of Directors as required by law.	
Accounts Payable	\$
Loans in Process	\$
Undivided Profits	\$ 11,598.77
Earnings held in trust for distribution to shareholders at maturity of their shares.	
Federal Insurance Reserve (If Insured)	\$
Reserve for Contingencies	\$ 55,000.00
To be used for the payment of any losses, if sustained. This reserve increases the safety and strength of the Association.	
Other Liabilities	\$ 41.72
TOTAL	\$890,156.51
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND ss:	
A. H. PATTERSON, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.	
A. H. PATTERSON, Secretary-Treasurer Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 13th day of January, 1950. Mildred L. Moss, Notary Public. My Com. Ex. 4-16-51	

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