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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For every man that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. St. Matthew 7:8.

Bomb Danger

Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, an interesting personality and supposedly an able one who has the responsibility of running the defense establishment, deserves plaudits for his frank statement last week in which he said, "There is a risk to living in the middle of the 20th century."

The statement was a preface to his saying that no amount of money can make America completely bomb-proof. It would take a kamikaze-type raid to do it, the Secretary continued, but the Japanese had kamikazes and it is conceivable that other nations, to wit, Russia, could find some fanatically zealous youths who were willing to take a one-way ticket to oblivion.

Mr. Johnson pleased the majority of the nation when he announced parings of defense establishments. The people liked the fresh idea of a man in government who wanted to spend less.

He displeased the thinking people of the nation a few months later, when he flatly made a "we can lick anybody" statement. It's good to have confidence, as Roosevelt did in his famous Chicago "quarantine" speech of 1937, but Roosevelt was getting rough before he had the tools, and was proved before the eyes of people of the Piedmont area in North Carolina during 1940 maneuvers, who will recall that the soldiers went through the war-games frequently using three stumps for artillery.

It would seem that Mr. Johnson's most recent statement is back to normal and a more true indication of the real situation.

While his statement is hardly comforting, it tells the truth. Leaders who delude the people with a false sense of security are guilty of extreme dereliction of duty, and many think, are more criminally guilty than many of the German and Japanese generals now in prison for war crimes.

Coal Settlement

It was indeed good news that the coal strike was about to be settled, at least good news on a short-term basis.

It appears that John L. Lewis has again won at least a partial victory, in terms of more money for the miners and more money to the welfare fund.

His winnings do not take into account the expense involved to the miners who lost several weeks pay, to other workers who were subjected to layoffs because there was no coal, nor to industry, both coal and otherwise, none of which can prosper without operating.

But Lewis' victory was short-term too.

The question of what the miners are going to do over any given period of time has more and more people installing oil-burning and gas-using equipment for heating, and for other purposes. It appears, for instance, that the day of the steam-burning locomotive is numbered.

Only the most die-hard oil man would deny that John L. Lewis has been among oil's most priceless sales assets. Oil is easier to handle, true enough, and gives good performance, but there was a time when the cost of oil was prohibitive. The differential between the cost of oil and coal has been so greatly narrowed, that most people are willing to pay the now-slight additional cost in order to have the additional convenience and further assurance of a continuous supply.

Our congratulations to Temple Baptist Church who, indeed, can take a great measure of pride in reviewing its first five years. Much progress has been made, and the members and leaders deserve commendation.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

G. A. Bridges, prominent Kings Mountain hardware dealer, filed house last Friday evening. Mes-yesterday afternoon as a candidate for County Commissioner in the coming Democratic primary.

J. L. Settlemire, Jr., young local artist, recently completed a painting, depicting a scene from "The Rhymer of the Ancient Mariner," which he presented to the Kings Mountain High School. SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
The Try-L club held its regular

meeting at the Margrace club Mountain hardware dealer, filed house last Friday evening. Mes-yesterday afternoon as a candidate for County Commissioner in the coming Democratic primary.

Mrs. C. D. Blanton entertained members of the Home Arts club and invited guests at her home on Gold street last Wednesday afternoon. Yellow jessamine, jon quills and other early spring flowers were used in decoration.
Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Norman are

A Foolish Rule

Woodrow Jones, the Congressional candidate, gave a very interesting resume of the rise of Communism in his speech last week to the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

The address was delivered in interesting manner, and showed some historical digging on Mr. Jones' part, and it was well-received by the majority of those who heard him. At the same time, it left something to be desired, for the Lions club (and most civic clubs here and elsewhere) have, for the past few years had a steady diet of anti-Communist speakings—usually delivered by good American citizens who have been no closer to Russia, or other Communist nations than the Ports of New York, Charleston or Norfolk. The same was virtually true of Mr. Jones, who did his naval service on the Pacific side, we understand.

Point the Herald is making is that the address of Mr. Jones was virtually dictated by club policy by which the club tells any candidate who might be on its rostrum to belay politics. This is real rough on the candidates, for about every problem mentioned is political to some extent these days. Thus they grope their way to the only obvious subject which is guaranteed to offend none in this area: Communism.

Occasionally a candidate will take the bull by the horns and relate to his hearers what he thinks about this, and that and the other thing. Prime example was then-Candidate Scott who availed himself of such an opportunity at the Kiwanis Farmer's Night banquet last spring. Though it caused some anti-Scott folks present to tear their hair, it was a good program.

The Herald would like to see the civic clubs eliminate this silly, ostrich-type, head-in-the-sand policy.

In the Jones instance, the Lions had a man before them who might well be their next Congressman. They missed the opportunity to learn what they might expect from him in event he wins. And it's the Lions fault.

Senator Frank P. Graham continues to surprise. There was some raising of the eyebrows last week when Spencer Love, chief of Burlington Mills, and, many thought, at the opposite end of the political pole from Dr. Graham, announced that Graham was Love's man. There must have been a deal more Monday morning, with the Graham announcement that he is firmly against socialized medicine. The nice thing about it is that Dr. Graham, if past performance is any indication, will stand hitched. He has said he is against it, he'll be against it. Those who thought Dr. Graham will be easy pickings in the spring political wars are likely to be in for more surprises.

A best bow to the Davidson High School Bears on winning the Charlotte division tourney in the colored Class B division, and best wishes to them in the state tournament this weekend.

Congratulations to Mrs. Juanita Warren, newly-elected president, and the other new officers of the Kings Mountain school teachers organization.

Two things to do: write your checks for the Red Cross and Boy Scouts, if you have not already done so.

Our congratulations to Aubrey Mauney who has been elected secretary of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church. This is a high honor to a Kings Mountain man.

on a ten-days pleasure trip to Florida.
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ware and family are spending a few weeks in Florida.
Dr. and Mrs. Phillip C. Padgett are now living in the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fulkerson.
Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick and Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Sr., left Monday morning for Palm Harbor, Fla., for a ten day visit.

martin's medicine

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

Minstrel Flashback

From the standpoint of publicizing Tuesday night's Jaycee Minstrels of 1950, this piece should have been done last week, but the time chart got messed up.

At any rate, it may serve some purpose, for the Jaycees have in mind doing an annual show, and (even though I'm making up the medicine on Monday, March 6, several hours before even dress rehearsal) I think the minstrel annuity idea is as bright as a new model fluorescent light. Show business has always been attractive to just about everybody. There's something glamorous and self-satisfying about putting on grease paint and getting before the footlights, and, though the minstrel hardly qualifies as high-level art, it is good entertainment on the local level. The minstrel men themselves have a good time doing the job, and their neighbors like to see them in action.

So, since the time chart is messed up, all I can do is to go back to the only minstrel I was over in which was produced here on March 27, 1950. It was called "Minstrel Flashback of 1936" and the American Legion post was the sponsor.

As I recall, I was in the chorus (no great help, as I couldn't carry a tune any better than I can now) and sat next to Dr. Paul Hendricks. Paul wasn't a medic then, but a young chemistry teacher, band director and eligible bachelor, just one year removed from Wake Forest. But Paul sang pretty good. Maybe that was the reason I was sitting next to him. I can't remember who was on the other side.

Mr. Interlocutor was J. E. Gerwin, at that time superintendent of what is now Burlington Mills. Mr. Gerwin, incidentally, is now with Burlington Mills, but one of those swanky-looking "vice-president-in-charge-ofs" in front of his name. The director was the late Fred Rudisill, who was "kinsfolk" to the Jacob S. Mauney family and other people in town, and the black-faced men were Odell McGinnis, Charlie Warlick, Kenneth Crook, Red Layton, Thornton Harrell, and Arnold Jackson.

I don't remember too much about the minstrel part of the minstrel-review show, but I seem to recall that Odell (Dub) McGinnis, in addition to his sharp minstrel variety repertoire with Red Layton (or was it Kenneth Crook?) sang the then-popular song "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter." I also seem to remember that Snyre Williams, now in Winston-Salem, sang "Alone," the song in one of the Marx Brothers movies which required getting the voice up a couple of octaves above the staff, but I'm pretty sure that George Moss did "Harvest Moon" in a show of an earlier day.

The Legion's show was a massive two-part job, with the minstrel coming first and with a revue second. Jim Herndon was the master of ceremonies for the revue and it was quite varied from a night club show to square dancing. If I'm not mistaken, one of the square dancing pairs, in appropriate costume, was A. P. Warlick and Robert (Runt) Allen.

Things have moved along right much in those 14 years, as previously indicated, with many of the group now living and working in other places. Mike Miller, who was in the cast, is in New York selling fabrics. Thornton Harrell is in Florida superintending the stringing of new power lines. One of the features of the show was an intermission entertainment by the Monney Twins of the piano. Now they're getting underway in the concert field as duo-pianists.

The late Mr. Rudisill had a song of his own for the show. It had a nice rapid-fire, minstrel-type melody, and, being of the romantic nature, was sure-fire with the ladies. (of course.) It ran something like this:

"You can't tell a book by its cover
"But all the world knows and loves a lover.
"You can't tell a ship by its color
"But all the world knows and loves one who loves a lover.
"Oh what a pleasure to be in love
"With the cutest, sweetest girl in town!"

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon

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Around the World

CROSS

- 1—Greek mythological maiden beloved by Zeus
- 2—Country recently overrun by the Reds
- 3—Plant applied to note of the musical scale
- 4—Country with Western Europe's largest army
- 5—Nation known for its fine steeds
- 6—Priest of the Bible
- 7—Public vehicle
- 8—Island in China Sea, which has been much in the news
- 9—Equine foot
- 10—To cry
- 11—Pie-like marks
- 12—Australia is often called Down "this"
- 13—Wash lightly
- 14—The ruler of this country recently visited the U. S.
- 15—Watery expanse
- 16—Combining form meaning "mountain"
- 17—A poet's "even"
- 18—A grammatical part of speech
- 19—British tavern
- 20—Inflammation of the eye
- 21—United States of Indonesia
- 22—Wash
- 23—Employ
- 24—Well-known waterway of Ireland
- 25—Native of a large Asiatic country
- 26—Parade of food
- 27—Ocean-going vessel (abbrv.)
- 28—To the extreme degree of unpleasantness
- 29—Towards
- 30—Provided that
- 31—Northwestern U. S. state
- 32—Roman numeral
- 33—Heads
- 34—A native deputy in India
- 35—Measure of area
- 36—Mountainous region of Asia
- 37—The "Corn State" of the U. S. (abbrv.)
- 38—Man's nickname
- 39—In Scotland, a bargain
- 40—Original name of Nova Scotia
- 41—Chemical symbol for barium
- 42—Unusually group of people
- 43—One of the Great Lakes
- 44—Hated
- 45—A setting upon (plural)
- 46—Well-known French river
- 47—Hastened
- 48—Carded fabric
- 49—City of North France (abbrv.)
- 50—To receive
- 51—Small opening
- 52—Latin for "unless"
- 53—Musical instrument
- 54—Tendencies
- 55—Portages of sunshine
- 56—Command used in guiding teams of horses
- 57—Exists
- 58—Perform

Other Editor's Viewpoints

UNHEEDED LAW

(Waynesville Mountaineer)
Down in Clinton there will not be cars given away, or "raffled" at a drawing, for a long, long time to come.

A group of civic leaders decided that an easy way to raise money for the Polio drive would be to "give away" a car, by selling chances at one dollar each.

The idea went over fine, and about 3,000 chances were sold, and sales were brisk, when Judge R. Hunt Parker, holding court in Sampson county, called in the chairman, and advised him that the plan of awarding the car constituted a lottery in violation of a North Carolina criminal law. Then Judge Parker cited the chairman Section 14-290, General Statutes of North Carolina.

After reading the law, the chairman immediately called off the deal, and offered a refund to all persons who wanted their money back. Some 300 people sought refunds, and the remainder kept quiet.

The plan which was being worked in Clinton is well known over all North Carolina, and there are few places but what have had the same plan operated in their community.

North Carolina saw fit to pass a law forbidding such practices, and the attorney general has issued rulings that such are a violation of the law, regardless for what purposes they are held.

As long as it is a law, then the law should be obeyed. If the people don't like the law, then it should be repealed. Until it is repealed, those who violate the law are subject to the consequences.

YOU CAN'T WIN

(Quitman, Ga.) Free Press)
We hear that gentlemen have adopted those plaid shirts for party wear. They would do that just as we poor folks had got to the place where we could afford a boiled shirt.

As of January 1 on-farm supplies of grains (corn, wheat, oats, barley, and rye) in North Carolina totaled 57,894,000 bushels. This was the second largest farm stocks for this date during the past ten years.

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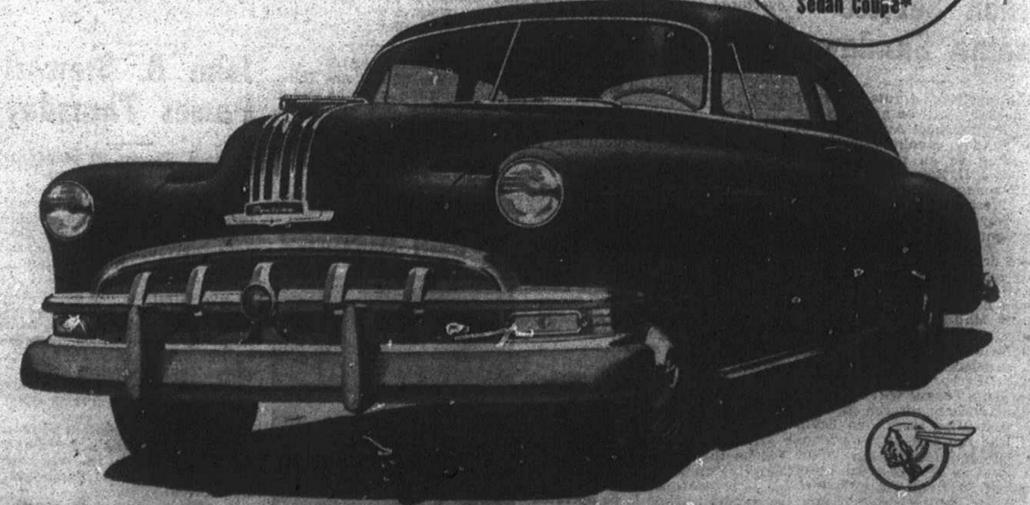
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