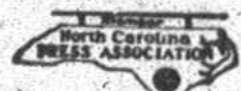


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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. St. Matthew 1:21

### Christmas

On Monday, the world celebrates Christmas, the birth of the Prince of Peace, and the celebration this year will be the most sober one the world has known since Christmas 1944.

On that Christmas, Allied troops were trapped in the Battle of the Bulge, their supplies low and their air support grounded by bad weather. It was the last big effort of the German army to prevent defeat. Even then, the end for the Hitler regime had already begun, and the worry and anxiety concerning the troops in Europe was an individual situation. Regardless of the outcome of that battle, the Allies were going to win the war.

This Christmas will be another of anxiety. Already, American troops are in battle in a undeclared war which started out to be a police action. The situation is not an individual one but an international one, with none knowing what the future holds. Will it be all-out war? Will the United States again be able to out-strip aggressor nations in production and tactics? Many people are already resigned to the fact that the world is again on the verge of war. Their question is, "When?" The answers mean as much around the globe, in Germany, then Europe, which would be the point of immediate attack, in the Middle East, also a focal point of possible attack, and virtually all over the world.

It is an unfortunate and tragic commentary on mankind that such a situation exists. Yet it does exist, and history reveals that passiveness, appeasement and turning the other cheek does not check power-hungry individuals and groups who believe in taking by force what they cannot get by other means.

How long will it be until historians can record a Christmas season marked by good will between all people and nations, as they customarily can between families and nearby friends? There seems no plausible answer.

The tenor of the letter of E. A. Hughes, director of motor passenger transport for the North Carolina Utilities Commission indicates that he was not aware of the physical arrangements, in respect to traffic, of the area around the Morrison building which was proposed for a bus station. Mr. Hughes, it will be recalled, approved for a bus station in the McMackin building on West King street over the objections of the city board, which contended the site was too far from the center of the community. By closing the station, the bus operators admitted that the city was right. Mr. Hughes was right as far as the physical facilities were concerned, but, as in the recent instance, did not take into consideration the many factors which must be satisfactory if a station is to be operated to the convenience of the full community. It appears that the city should seek a formal hearing before the commission on the bus station matter at the earliest possible date.

Unquestionably, the address here on January 23 of E. Z. Jones, state defence director, will be heard with interest, and with much more interest than it would have been received two months ago. Mr. Jones is expected to outline plans for civilian defense operations, and these suggestions come at a time when there is less feeling in this nation than ever before that the great ocean boundaries preclude enemy attack on the United States mainland.

Our congratulations to Rev. P. D. Patrick, who has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association for the coming year.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Kings Mountain, The Best Town In The State, lived up to its reputation during the recent Red Cross Roll Call. Kings Mountain citizens were asked to contribute \$2,500 in the annual call to raise funds for the Red Cross and for welfare work here.

Members of the Study Club and a number of additional guests were entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Davis on Mountain Street. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Patterson and Miss Dorothy Patterson Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers spent Sunday in Charlotte where

they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smathers. Ladd Hamrick, Jr., D. F. Ford, Jr., J. C. Bridges, Hal Olive, Jones Fortune, and John Hicks students at Wake Forest College have arrived home for the holidays.

The following students of Le-noir Rhyne College are home for the Christmas holidays: Martha Lou Mauney, Clara Plonk, Jacqueline Rawles, Edgar Cooper, and Dick Baker.

## Martin's medicine

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

### It's Christmas

The Christmas season has definitely arrived, the best I can tell, and the Christmas spirit is definitely in evidence in the countenances of almost everyone. Of course, the youngsters have been evidencing the Christmas-spirit for weeks, and there is a real question whether some of them can wait the remaining three days for Old Nick to make his trip down the respective chimneys.

Older folk somehow don't get charged up until the last minute, probably because they're mighty busy most of the time and have the habit of putting first things first. Christmas doesn't become the "firstest" until about 10 days before the date, then everyone suddenly awakens to the fact that Christmas is almost here and charges around in high gear, (or "drives" as the hydraulic boys would say) completing shopping lists and doing the other necessary tasks of the Christmas season.

Naturally, there are some exceptions to the rule, and I have had occasion to turn green with envy on several occasions when someone would remark, "I'm all ready."

In the barber shop the other day, I asked the routine question of Baxter Wright and he replied with calm and equanimity that he was all set. The answer was almost too calm. I asked, "Baxter are you telling me the truth or a black lie?" It was the latter. Men just don't get ready for Christmas early.

Last week we had extra good reason to know that the Christmas season had definitely arrived here at the Herald. We had been costing along in fine manner, with little in the way of troubles, when our annual Christmas-season mechanical ailments began. There hasn't been a Christmas in six that some machine didn't act up with the extra strain of Christmas business, and this year proved to be no exception. The press sounded like it was going to fly apart and locating the trouble required enough time to make the paper come out several hours over schedule. But it wouldn't have been Christmas around here without it, and we probably wouldn't have had our Yale conference with Mechanist Bill Simpson. Most folks wouldn't think our conferences very important, but to us, at the moment, the Simpson-Herald conferences are more important than anything Mr. Truman and could cook up.

The Herald reported last Friday that the Christmas buying rush would get underway on Friday, and evidently the prediction was borne out. It was hard to find a parking space Friday afternoon, and one merchant remarked, "People must have quit doing much shopping before the last minute." I suppose there are several reasons for this, among them the fact that goods are plentiful again and most people figure they won't be disappointed by waiting. Another would be the requirement for assembling the necessary wherewithal with which to buy. Both are reasonable reasons.

I suppose almost everyone has managed to get his personal letter off to Santa Claus. One fellow remarked that the heavy mail toward the North Pole was the reason the trainmen took a few days off.

There are several big requests the community might ask, among them a bus station, a revamped sewage disposal system, an improved ball yard, and a recreation center. If 1951 could bring even a start on these needs, Kings Mountain would be in much better shape for future Christmases and might even be in position to tell Santa Claus to take care of the other little boys and girls for a few seasons.

The weather, too, has contributed to the Christmas spirit. With several weeks of nippy weather in the background, Kings Mountain can appreciate more fully the snow scenes on the Christmas cards. And, of course, it's just possible a little snow could fall to make a real white Christmas. I don't remember too many white Christmases, but snow does add something to the enjoyment of the season.

There are only three shopping days left. I better purchase a supply of Hopalong Cassidy hats, belts and guns before Old Nick exercises his priority and takes 'em all. Merry Christmas!

## CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**  
1—Popular garden vegetable  
6—Unpopular prairie animal  
11—Above  
12—Egg cells  
13—Dry  
14—Part of verb "to be"  
15—Noun suffix  
16—Male domestic animal  
17—Correlative of "or"  
18—Annoys  
20—A kind of European apple tree  
24—To gratify  
26—Roman numeral  
27—Only this, and nothing more  
29—Past  
30—Former English royal family  
31—Syllable applied to sixth musical note  
32—Situated in the middle  
35—Mechanical men  
38—Preposition  
39—Also  
40—Pronoun
- Flora and Fauna**  
41—Measure of length  
43—Greek letter  
44—Plural pronoun  
46—Was situated  
48—Trailing vine (abbrev.)  
49—Apprehends  
52—Lieutenant (abbrev.)  
53—Final  
55—Lamprey  
56—A kind of fruit made into a popular wine  
58—A tree (pl.)  
59—Pertaining to yesterday (poetic)
- DOWN**  
1—American birds  
2—To state  
3—Prefix denoting "down"  
4—An orchid-like flower  
5—Art of growing plants (poss.)  
6—in the manner of flesh-eating animals  
7—Sweet potatoes  
8—Either  
9—A layer (abbrev.)  
10—Worthy of consuming
- 19—Well-known American insect of the grasshopper family  
21—The American animal of the cat family (pl.)  
23—Legendary Spanish hero  
25—Man's nickname  
28—Rodent  
30—Chemical symbol for tungsten  
31—Nihilist Orders  
32—Masculine title (abbrev.)  
33—Popular trailing shrub plant  
34—Male  
36—Prefix denoting two  
37—A kind of hunting dog  
42—Biblical  
43—Masculine title (abbrev.)  
45—Thoughtful  
47—Juice of a certain plant used as a tonic  
48—Consumed  
49—College degree  
51—Southern Steamship (abbrev.)  
54—Standard Deviation (abbrev.)  
57—Late Text (abbrev.)

## Other Editor's Viewpoints

### A LOVED CUSTOM

(Bladen Journal)  
The first American Christmas cards were offered to the public by Louis Franck, lithographer and craftsman of Roxbury, Mass., in 1875 and it has been interesting to watch the different designs that have become popular down the years.

Over 25,000 different designs were created for public use this year and the traditional Christmas symbols are always the most popular.

For instance, the motifs are holly and poinsettia, winter scenes, bold Merry Christmas titles, Christmas candles and many with Santa Claus, himself.

We note there has been a tremendous upsurge in the popularity of truly reverent Christmas cards. Historically, Christmas cards carrying scenes reflecting the true spirit of the Holy Season were not introduced until many years after the first card was created. And for a long time, the so-called religious Christmas greetings were used by a limited number. But card printers tell us over 300 million religious greetings have been produced for the 1950 deluge.

It is also worth noting that some of the Christmas cards of recent years have bordered on the fantastic, such as new cards with sound effects, movable gadgets and special construction to permit hanging on Christmas trees.

In the span of a single lifetime, Christmas cards have developed from an immigrant's dream to one of the nation's most universal and well beloved Christmas customs.

**PAID IN FULL?**  
(Christian Science Monitor)  
In York, Nebraska, a druggist received an anonymous letter containing 25 cents. The writer said he had ordered two root beers about 10 years ago and shipped out without paying. Here is something of an intricate problem for the arithmetic class. Assuming that the drinks

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KYLE McDONNELL, star of television: "I smoke mild Camels. They agree with my throat!"

DICK POWELL, movie star: "My new favored smoking star: Camels agree with my singer. I certainly enjoy Camel mildness!"

MARTHA TILTON, re-creationist: "I'd walk a mile for a joy Camel mildness!"

PLOW Johnnie Parsons: "I'd walk a mile for a cool, mild Camel!"

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