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A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight. Pro

## Rough Campaign

 Aiennial voting this year, was a aother ecord Harsh comments of the muddy varietycame thick and fast, at a rate previously unheard of in city campaigns. Of course,
there has always been plenty of word-of-mouth charges in prior years, but this
time, for better, faster and more com-
plete distribution, the printed word was
used. There is no way to prove it, nor to
theck it, but money spent to professional check it, but money spent to professional
political workers had less effect than in
any previous campaign. It appeared popular in some quarters
to take a candidates money and labor for the opposition. This is no tribute to
the honor or honesty of the particular healthy sign sold out, but it may be a
When political expenditures of this
variety cease to tice will fall into discard.
Actually, the fact of it should not be surprising and the credit or blame (de-
pending on the point of view) can be
laid to the improved education of North laid to the improved education of North
Caroina children. Not too many years
ago it was easy to find citizens who
could not read ago it was easy to find citizens who
could not read or write. Today almost
everyone can read and write and do
both, They read newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals and they keep in-
formed.
When it comes to politics, more and more people are making up, their own
minds as to which candidate they prefer In turn, they are voting for him, regard-
les of who accommodates them to the
polls. Speaking of a particular section of the
city which had been hard on his candi-
date in last spring's county election, one date in last spring's county election, one
professional worker remarked the other
day, "You can't do anything with that walking, silent vote."
What he meant was.that the majority
of those citizens had voted their feelings Theoretically, that is real democracy
and the more the better. gratulations to the bloody, if not bowed,
winners. The heat of the campaign is now over,
and those who won and those who lost
should merge forces to promote the com-

Our congratulations to Warren E.
Reynolds, who has recently been elected Post 155, American Legion, for the cor
ng year. Mr. Reynolds is a good bus
ness man and his talents should mea
that the Legion Post will enjoy a su cessful year. In commenting on Mr. Auc- Rey-
nolds' election, it would be amiss not to
mention the good work of Paul Mauney retiring commander, who is complettng
his second year at the helm.. Many mem.
bers of the post would have had no obbers of the post would have had no ob-
jection, in fact, wished, that he would
continue in the same position. However,
he declined on the obvious he declined on the obvious grounds that
no one person should hold the office too
long. Plans for the Kiwanis Club Horse
here. It has been almost two years since
show, announced last week, indicate that another excellent event will be held
the horses have shown here, and much
interest in the show has been evidenced. A best bow to elght honor students of
Kings Mountain high school chosen, on
the basis of scholarship and good con-
duct, to serve as marshals during the ap-
proaching commencement season. YEARS AGO $\quad$ Items of news taken from the 1941 files of the
THIS WEEK Kings Mountain Herald.

## Mobilize The Spirit

In a speech in Shelby last week, Major General Thomas F. Hickey, a fighting general who commands the 82 nd Air-
orne division, urged a spiritual mobili-
zation zation, as well as industriai mobilization, against Communism.
This might have been a surprising statement from a figinint a man, a ccustrength of arms for survival. The General was right.
They don't say much about it, but
some citizens wonder just how the citizens of the United States would react to
an atomic bomb blast. Would they whimper and be ready to follow the or would they bow up their backs as the
English and Scotch did in $1940-44$ English and Scotch did in $1940-44$
through the years of the blitz and the
buzz-bomb? The wondering is produced by a fear
that America, land of plenty, land of inustrial might, land of pleasure and the the'Romans of old and would prefer the seemingly better chances of ifre to the
bleak and terrible prospects of bombs leak and terrible prospects of bomb
and destruction. The snap answer is that such could Americans do need to strengthen their
moral fibre, not merely to fend off at-
tack, but for the business of sters and philosophers alike are agreed that the nation is greatly in need of a
return to some basic standards of morOne minister and college president re-
marked to the Herald recently, "People person or of morality, and that is a mistake. There needs to be a general principle of moral-
ity accepted as the standard, and the
Ten Commandments never have been mproved upon."
Somehow, some way, more attention needs to be devoted by our churches, our
schools and by parents of the nation to
inculcating into our youth and our citiinculcating into our youth and our citiathers strong and the nation great They include honesty, courage, loyalty
and the other abstracts which make up
haracter.

## Good Prospects

 The city school board, augmented bytwo new members, wasted no time in
agreeing on an efort to strenthen the
Kings Mountain high school athletic pol-

## Eforts are already underway to find a

 carlton, now on active duty with thema-ine corps, and statements of board nembers indicated that the search ior
a successor will be both painstaking and Briefly, the policy will be to win athle The Herala agrees completely with
some citizens who get a little dubious ver the strong emphasis placed on atholleges. This paper does not ascribome he policy of winning at all costs, nor does it ascribe to the policy of paying the
ootball coach more than the college president. In such instances, the college
principal purpose of schools-which is, or
should be, to teach students how to live
is missed. On the other hand, there is no reason
why both educational excellence and
thletic excellence thletic excellence carnot exist handThe school board is to be commended on its good intentions along this line,
and it has the confidence of the com-
munity munity that good results will be accom
plished.
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