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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments and do them. Ezekiel 20:19.

Get Together

When it was first framed the civic club resolution in which four Kings Mountain organizations asked the city administration to administer their affairs "in a more efficient, harmonious and adult manner", appeared to be very much in order.

Some thought that, after the actions of the Barry-Wright-Davis wing on August 13, that the resolution was not as needed.

The civic club resolution does contain some good advice in it.

It has been wild times in Kings Mountain governmental circles since May 24, and much of the furore must be credited to Mayor Still, who had some good ideas and some rather bad ones.

Perhaps his worse fault has been in his impulse-type operation, in which he proceeds to advance a new thesis or idea without giving it sufficient thought.

His other principal fault has been the attitude that a person who does not agree with him is a dishonest crook, in spite of the fact that most folk are honest fundamentally. All people make mistakes, but more mistakes are made in the mind than in the heart.

His willingness to use the courts to get his ends have also been unpopular. Even the lawyers will tell their clients that it is frequently better to settle differences by agreement and compromise out of court. Legal battles are often like wars. The winner, when he surveys the whole situation after the air has cleared, usually finds he has lost, too.

Kings Mountain's situation is not unusual, for many other communities in North Carolina are split politically, ranging from small ones to large cities. Among them are Morganton, Albemarle, little Claremont, Winston-Salem and a number of others. This does not mean that a split situation is desirable or to be condoned.

The Herald's hope, and the hope of the vast majority of citizens, is that Kings Mountain's situation will settle down, and that each of the six members of the administration will remember Former Mayor Jim Herndon's advice at the first swearing in ceremony on May 12. Mr. Herndon told the new board it would prosper much more if it forswore politics and worked together.

The damage already done is considerable.

It would be impossible to guess with any degree of accuracy what the results of the suit to restrain the pay of City Administrator M. K. Fuller will be, assuming that the matter is called for trial. It is a continuance of a discussion going on intermittently here for several years and reminds again that political systems of any kind are made for particular situations, and that a system which is wonderful one year may not be too wonderful the next. The complaint makes capital of Kings Mountain's failure to approve the city manager form of government in a special election three years ago. Oddly enough, many of the citizens who voted "no" in that election are today among the most ardent supporters of Mr. Fuller, the city administrator, and are most anxious to have a regular, experienced head man at City Hall to see that work progresses. It can be said that Mr. Fuller was earning his pay up to May 24, and, if his work has not been up to caliber since that time, the reasons are quite evident. The harmonious tone of the special city board meeting of August 15 indicated that Mr. Fuller will again be able to do his work in proper manner.

If you haven't given already, drop a check in the mail to the Red Cross for your disaster relief contribution.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1941 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Water and light rates for Kings Mountain customers were reduced at a meeting of the Town Council held Monday night in the City Hall. The water minimum was cut to \$1.00 instead of the old rate \$1.15. The light minimum was cut to 75c instead of the old rate 85c for 10 kilowatts.

their home on Gaston Street Saturday evening in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Claud Rhyne was hostess to members of her book club and invited guests at her home on West Mountain Street last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mable Logan left last week for Omaha, Neb., where she is attending a National Convention of United Spanish American war veterans.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

Beach Trip

"The medicinal department accomplished several firsts last weekend by venturing forth to the annual summer convention of the North Carolina Press Association.

It was the first time I'd ever been to Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach, and the first time I'd ever jumped the waves in the ocean, and both the trip and wave-jumping proved delightful.

In a way, these new experiences must be credited to my wife, a beachcomber if there ever was one. As an old mountain man, who prefers (or thought he did) the cool, fragrant mountains, I had never been too enthusiastic about beach conventions and the press group makes a habit of holding its gathering at the beach each season and in the mountains the next. Until this one, I had never attended one of the beach conventions. The map always made 'em look pretty far away. This year the maidenly judgment at my house prevailed (no news in that, huh!) and I am not sorry that it did.

I am also improving as a session-attending conventioner. In times past I have been involved in the favorite medicinal hobby, conversation, and frequently passed up more sessions than I should have. Needless to say I indulged sufficiently in that hobby during the course of three days, and I suspect that the same hobby is the favorite of many other publishers and newspaper folk. The subjects vary, of course, but in the end problems of circulation, news gathering, machinery, etc., always hold top place.

With a state-wide election season just around the corner, there was speculation about candidates, and the names most frequently mentioned for governor were those of Former Senator W. B. Umstead, of Durham, and of Judge Hubert Olive, of Lexington. I was kidding Bob Thompson, the High Point editor who has attracted a considerable state-wide audience through his 15-minute Sunday evening radio show, about bombing the Charlotte minister, Dr. Warren for governor. But Bob claimed innocence, saying he only threw out the possibility as a rumor and had not previously met Dr. Warren.

Tom Robinson, publisher of the CHARLOTTE NEWS, was paying the high tribute to the abilities of Ralph Nicholson, the new publisher of his chief competitor the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, and Tom thinks that accidentally and coincidentally he himself is somewhat responsible for putting Mr. Nicholson in contact with the Observer. Tom knew a fellow he wanted for advertising manager of the News and invited him to Charlotte. But the man really wanted to be advertising manager of the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, did not accept Tom's offer and later contacted his old boss, Mr. Nicholson in Florida and asked that he recommend him to the Observer. Mr. Nicholson picked up the phone and called the American Trust Company, executors of the Curtis B. Johnson estate. The American Trust Company official replied something like this: "Thank you, Mr. Nicholson, but the position you speak of is not the one we really want to fill. We are looking for the highest caliber man available, one to be the head of the organization." Mr. Nicholson was quick to size up the situation and replied in this vein, "Well, in that event, you're talking to the man you want."

All things do come to those who work and wait. After some four years of work by three city administrations, permission finally has been obtained from Southern Railway Company to install traffic signal lights at the Mountain-Battleground and Mountain-Railroad intersections. The safety of motorists will be considerably enhanced by the installations of these traffic signal lights.

Citizens of the Beth-Ware community are already hard at work to make the forthcoming Beth-Ware Community Fair the best it has ever been. Our prediction is that these efforts will be successful.

The Herald is very glad the Wesleyan Methodist Conference saw fit to return Rev. J. W. Phillips to First Wesleyan church as its pastor for a sixth consecutive year. Mr. Phillips is a hard worker and a good citizen and the Herald congratulates him on the distinction he now holds of serving First Wesleyan church longer than any other pastor.

New president of the association is Tom Lassiter, of Smithfield, than whom there is none finer. His wife, when she learned of his election, was like the Observer's Mr. Nicholson, also quick to size up the situation. "That means two new evening dresses will be absolutely required during the next year," she said.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**
1—Canadian city
2—Watery expanse
3—Separates North America from the Soviet
11—Russian mountains
12—Nickname of an American President
14—At one time
15—New York town made famous by Washington Irving
18—Printer's measure
19—Chemical symbol for nickel
20—Poison
22—Country of the United Kingdom (poss.)
23—Expense of water
24—Garden vegetable
25—Diminutive of great
31—Well-known German "bean" (poss.)
34—Lie
35—Advance
36—Mexican seaport
38—Preposition
40—A mantle
41—To have regard for
- DOWN**
1—One of New York City's boroughs
2—Ancient city of the Chaldees
3—Consuming
4—Highest peak of the Alps (poss.)
5—Convergence
6—Wager
7—Brawled
8—Tavern
9—U. S. southern state (abbrev.)
10—Swiss lake
13—Pat
16—South American city
17—Possess
- This World of Ours**
22—Was situated
23—English river
24—A continent
25—Moral spring
26—The seal
27—Superlative suffix
31—Southern point of Florida mainland
32—Abbreviated airplane
33—Scrutinizer
35—Native of a European country
36—Spain's only long known for its steel weapons
37—Province of South Africa
38—Those remaining
40—Irritated (colloc.)
42—Well-known U. S. lake (poss.)
43—A high grade of accountant (abbrev.)
45—Latin abbreviation meaning "for example"
48—Measure of area
51—Prefix signifying "country to"
52—One of the continents (abbrev.)

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

ELKIN TRIBUNE
In these days of world crisis, when scientists plead with the Church to seek a revival of faith in God for all the people as a bulwark against the atomic bomb, we think the following editorial will make worthwhile reading, not only for the people of Deerpark, Colo., where it originally appeared in the Western Farm Life magazine, but for the people of Elkin, and all parts of the nation and the world.

We talk of peace, while of necessity we prepare for war. This editorial will perhaps explain why:

"A world teacher of the caliber of Jesus, Mohammed or Buddha will arise soon to save mankind from devils incarnate like the atom and hydrogen bombs, say India's holy men." Thus read a dispatch from New Delhi, India, where hundreds of "holy men" were gathered on the banks of the Jumna river for their annual conference.

According to a consensus of the holy men, the "error and confusion created under the shadow of these powers of destruction are a necessary prelude to the emergence of a divine saviour in human form."

India is a country of wishful thinking. It is a country that confuses dreams with realities. The coming of another Christ or Mohammed or Buddha may be a wonderful ideal. So is the coming of eternal peace. But present-day conditions are not a "necessary prelude" to the emergence of a new divine saviour. And even if that new saviour should emerge—what then?

The Indian holy men and all those everywhere who are awaiting a new saviour forget that the original Saviour is still very much alive. He is still very much among us. But in the mad rush of events we fail to recognize him.

Oh, yes, we give him lip service. We have built thousands of churches to him. We go to these churches on Sundays, and holidays and loudly proclaim our devotion to him. But lip service is not heart service. Talking about something, and living that something, are two different functions.

What does Christ mean? What did Jesus teach and preach? Peace—brotherly love—honesty—decency—humility—simplicity—modesty—abstinence.

IMPROVING ROUTE 29

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
Many people have known for months past that considerable money was being spent on improvement of Highway 29 in North Carolina, but many probably were surprised by the announcement from the State Highway Commission's office that 15 projects, involving total expenditure of more than six million dollars, are under construction or on the drawing boards. Some of them are nearing completion.

The projects are scattered along the route from Kings Mountain, near the South Carolina line, to Ruffin, near the Virginia border. One of the most important is that involving grading and other improvement of the highway for a distance of 16.5 miles between Charlotte and Concord. Some of the projects include addition of two lanes to make it a four-lane highway like between Charlotte and Gastonia has been for 20 years or more.

Route 29, which extends from Washington to Atlanta, has been called the "Main Street of the South." The North Carolina section is the most heavily-travelled highway in the State. It traverses North Carolina's most densely populated area, passing through or skirting the important cities of Charlotte, Greensboro, High Point, Gastonia, Salisbury, Reidsville, Concord, Kinston, Raleigh, and Thomasville, and passes within 15 or 20 miles of Winston-Salem, second largest city in the State.

The six million dollar improvement program will benefit a very large portion of North Carolina's population and thousands of people of other states from Maine to Louisiana.

Production of eggs by North Carolina farms during June totaled 52 million eggs, a drop of 17 per cent from May production.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator for the estate of D. H. Houser, all persons having claims against said estate please file with the undersigned on or before the 27th day of July, 1952 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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