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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee; rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Proverbs 9:8.

Education Week

During the past week, schools, teachers, and their communities have been observing National Education Week, and particular note of it has been taken in Kings Mountain.

For the past half-century, North Carolina has been on the upgrade in its public school system, which aims to give all persons a minimum of education. The late Governor Charles B. Aycock was the man who moved the mountains in expanding the public school system of the state, and since this time rapid strides have been made.

They have been made in spite of many difficulties, usually hinging around the question of money. Good schools cost money and a lot of it, both from the standpoint of physical plants and from the standpoint of staffing.

North Carolina has not been as niggardly as some states, more niggardly than others in this respect.

Yet, with all the difficulties, the business of education has been constantly advanced.

Perhaps the most important reason for this constant advancement has been the great corps of loyal teachers, who genuinely like to teach and regard the monthly pay checks as a means to an end. Certainly, many of them could do better from the personal financial standpoint in other modes of work and employment.

The vast majority of this state's school teachers and this city's school teachers are conscientious and hard-working. They have the best interests of their pupils constantly at the forefront, and this newspaper believes that, on the occasion of National Education Week, they deserve a salute for doing a very good job.

Tax Irregularities

The shocking reports of tax irregularities in many of Uncle Sam's Bureau of Internal Revenue offices may have been dragged out as the result of political maneuvering on the part of the Republican party, but, regardless of motive, they should be dragged out and the offenders dealt with strongly.

One revenue bureau official in a top spot said he was convinced that the vast majority of officials were completely honest, but that the few who had strayed couldn't stand the temptations offered to them.

How many of the alleged charges will stand in court remains to be seen. The emergence of a new party chairman indicates that the forces of law and order in the Democratic party will want to enforce the statutes.

Some say that the scandals are a natural result of progressively higher and confiscatory tax rates, predominantly connected with the income tax division. And perhaps it is an indication that the point of diminishing returns, as far as tax rates are concerned, has been reached.

What can be done? Many citizens, from lowest paid wage-earners to top bracket executives, think it is high time Congress put the skids under federal appropriations for non-essential objectives. They also think the military could stand considerable curtailment in appropriations without harming one iota the efficiency of the services. The latter curtailment would mean an end to grandiose extravagance on the part of the higher brass, but that should be and should have been.

It was a small move, but the new British government must have obtained cheers from all parties when it indicated a forthcoming economy wave by slashing the pay of its chief ministers. Pennies still make dollars.

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.

Members of the Christmas Opening Committee of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association are making elaborate plans for the biggest opening of the holiday season in the history of the Best Town in The State.
Harry Page was elected president of the Kiwanis Club at their regular meeting last Thursday evening at the Woman's Club building.
Social and Personal
Mrs. J. S. Norman was hostess to members of the Colonel Fred.

rick Hambright Chapter Daughters of American Revolution, entertaining at her home on East Kings Street last Wednesday evening.
Mrs. Byron Keete entertained the Aldephian Club last Wednesday afternoon at her lovely home on Cleveland Ave.
Miss Ruby Burrage is visiting her parents in Charlottesville, Va.
Mrs. Wallace Hartsell of Waynesville, Ga., will spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. D. F. Ford.

Mrs. L. M. Logan, Sr., and Mrs. L. M. Logan, Jr., were Charlotte visitors Thursday.
Mrs. and Mrs. D. E. Wallace and children of Goldsboro, spent the past weekend with Mrs. Wallace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ford.
J. T. Bridges, student at Wake Forest College, spent the weekend at his home here.
Mr. and Mrs. Kent Mendell of Sycamore, N. Y. were recent guests of Mrs. G. D. Hambright.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Learning By Mail

Learning by mail is a regular practice of everyone, whether or not they have enrolled in any of the multiplicity of courses offered by the International Correspondence School (and very good ones, they are, too, I understand), or in the many courses offered by the extension departments of the larger universities.

The learning comes informally, of course, through the vast amount of periodicals which regularly come to a reading U. S. A. Just about everybody "takes" periodicals of several different kinds and in all fields, religious and secular.

The great circulations of the current day are due to a lot of factors. Perhaps the largest one is the public education program which has made the United States a nation of readers and writers. Another is the American promotion methods in selling subscriptions. Somehow it's just mighty hard for the average American male to turn down the beautiful girls who are "selling" subscriptions to earn my way through college.

But the title of this piece refers less to the general and sometimes random gathering of knowledge via the mail box than to the specific instruction referred to previously.

Many people owe their success to learning by mail from the correspondence schools, which have a full-blown course or courses for about any subject one could want, from astronomy to zoology, literally from "A" to "Z". If you don't believe it, ask Bill Craig. I have never undergone one of these courses, though I've toyed with the idea a time or two. I always finally decide that too much procrastination would be involved in the preparation of lessons-by-mail.

I am indebted to Wilburn White, now of Dallas, Tex., and his company, Barrett Distributors, for a beautiful gift which I recently received in the mail. It is the company's Good Shepherd edition of the Holy Bible, which includes an amazing compilation of indices, cross references and other where-to-find-it information.

The gift came by mail, but Wilburn was in town last week and dropped in the office Saturday to find Herman Campbell and I mutually admiring the edition. Bill gave us some valuable instruction on how to use the references and there followed an interesting discourse on the sales methods of his company.

Barrett distributors, founded and headed by Forrest S. Barrett, Kings Mountain native, has some 350 salesmen and they sell several different editions for either cash or on a time-payment plan. Herman wanted to know if anyone ever failed to pay the credit account, and Bill said their experience showed that about seven percent would fail to pay out their Bible accounts. Those non-payers must be kin in some way to the few folk who steal Bibles.

Many of the customers for courses offered by universities and colleges are teachers, and they use that method of keeping certificates to top standing, as is required by teaching rules.
One lady I know decided she would take a course in Bible, but one of the early lessons, Number 5 I believe it was, required her to criticize the Book of Deuteronomy. On receipt of that lesson she reportedly changed courses.

If I were to choose correspondence courses for personal instruction, I would think that subjects in history, literature, sociology and others of similar kind would be the most easy to learn at home alone. I wouldn't have the nerve to tackle a foreign language, physics, chemistry or those with which I had a sufficiently difficult time after hearing regular lectures.

But the best story I've heard on the learning by mail business came over the weekend. A teacher was faced with the necessity of getting her certificate renewed and found it virtually impossible to attend summer school, due to sickness in her home. She elected to take a course in extra-high mathematics. Uniquely, a college professor who taught thermodynamics lived next door, and he kindly offered to aid her in learning the work and working the complicated problems. They had a standing engagement on Saturday afternoons.
There were 25 lessons in the course, and you may well guess

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-60.

- ACROSS: 1-Name of a line of Egyptian rulers; 2-Name of a Greek philosopher; 3-Name of a Greek philosopher; 4-Name of a Greek philosopher; 5-Name of a Greek philosopher; 6-Name of a Greek philosopher; 7-Name of a Greek philosopher; 8-Name of a Greek philosopher; 9-Name of a Greek philosopher; 10-Name of a Greek philosopher; 11-Name of a Greek philosopher; 12-Name of a Greek philosopher; 13-Name of a Greek philosopher; 14-Name of a Greek philosopher; 15-Name of a Greek philosopher; 16-Name of a Greek philosopher; 17-Name of a Greek philosopher; 18-Name of a Greek philosopher; 19-Name of a Greek philosopher; 20-Name of a Greek philosopher; 21-Name of a Greek philosopher; 22-Name of a Greek philosopher; 23-Name of a Greek philosopher; 24-Name of a Greek philosopher; 25-Name of a Greek philosopher; 26-Name of a Greek philosopher; 27-Name of a Greek philosopher; 28-Name of a Greek philosopher; 29-Name of a Greek philosopher; 30-Name of a Greek philosopher; 31-Name of a Greek philosopher; 32-Name of a Greek philosopher; 33-Name of a Greek philosopher; 34-Name of a Greek philosopher; 35-Name of a Greek philosopher; 36-Name of a Greek philosopher; 37-Name of a Greek philosopher; 38-Name of a Greek philosopher; 39-Name of a Greek philosopher; 40-Name of a Greek philosopher; 41-Name of a Greek philosopher; 42-Name of a Greek philosopher; 43-Name of a Greek philosopher; 44-Name of a Greek philosopher; 45-Name of a Greek philosopher; 46-Name of a Greek philosopher; 47-Name of a Greek philosopher; 48-Name of a Greek philosopher; 49-Name of a Greek philosopher; 50-Name of a Greek philosopher; 51-Name of a Greek philosopher; 52-Name of a Greek philosopher; 53-Name of a Greek philosopher; 54-Name of a Greek philosopher; 55-Name of a Greek philosopher; 56-Name of a Greek philosopher; 57-Name of a Greek philosopher; 58-Name of a Greek philosopher; 59-Name of a Greek philosopher; 60-Name of a Greek philosopher.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KNOW

CHATHAM NEWS
The average newspaper reader pays little attention to such things as free access to news or the restrictions placed thereon in the interests of national security. In the past several weeks there have been numerous protests handed President Truman because of his "security" order which will make it possible for bureaucrats in government to withhold from the public information that it has a right to know. When the public reads about such protests it is generally felt that a bunch of newspaper people are wailing a "bee" over some inconsequential something that concerns only them. But such is not the case. We newspaper people are concerned largely because the "right to know" is an inherent right vested in the people, with newspapers being only stewards of this right. Hence it is significant that the National Editorial Association, in Chicago last week, sent a strong-worded resolution to Washington in the hope that the president's order will be modified or rescinded entirely. We think that the readers of this newspaper will be interested in the resolution itself. It reads: "The National Editorial Association representing 5,400 small town newspapers, in full convention assembled in Chicago, view with the gravest apprehension the encroachment by the president's "security" order of the American people's right to know. The editors fear that the restriction constitutes a most serious threat to the traditional accessibility to information which is inherent in the Bill of Rights. "The members of the National Editorial Association reaffirm their adherence to the traditional responsibilities which safeguard and protect at all times the security of the nation. "Be it resolved, therefore, that the National Editorial Association strongly urges President Truman to consider and adopt necessary modification of his security order which would maintain the American public's constitutional right of information." The resolution states the case pretty plainly. The American people have a right to know what is going on in the government at the national, state, county and local level. They have a right to know that there is no intent on the part of anyone to remove that right on the premise that national security is involved. During World War II the voluntary censorship practiced by the various segments of the American press compiled a marvelous record of adherence to and protection of security regulations. No vital information "leaked"; no state secrets were given away. We certainly hope that President Truman will recognize the need for modifying his order so that the full flow of information can again become a guarantee in fact as well as in principle. A nutrition conference for the feed industry will be held at N. C. State College on December 13 and 14. What happened. By the time Lesson No. 12 had been reached, the professor and the lady kept a date with a minister. Needless to say, the math course was never finished.

BEAUTIFY THE TOWN

FOREST CITY COURIER
We note with a great deal of interest that the Town of Kings Mountain will be beautified with rose bushes. One of the town's women's organizations is pushing the program. They started with an initial order of 1,000 rose bushes, which are being sold to the public. The proceeds from the sale will be invested and reinvested in rose bushes until every home and lot in town has one or more rose bushes. We are convinced that a similar program here would meet with instant success. Whether it be rose bushes or some other blooming shrub doesn't matter. A quantity of blooming plants along the street would present a scene of beauty most of the year. Forest City has already won national recognition for the beautiful square, dotted with evergreens and flowering plants. If this plan of setting out blooming shrubs or rose bushes was inaugurated here, Forest City would gain much more valuable publicity. We suggest some plan of this nature as an objective for some of the women's organizations next year. If roses or some other flowering shrub is purchased and sold to the public at a small profit, and the initial investment reinvested, it would cost no one very much, but would add much to the momentary value of the property thus beautified. A Surry County farmer, M. T. McKnight of Toast community, will try Nomad alfalfa during the coming year. This new variety, developed in Oregon, is said to offer excellent possibilities.

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