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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction. Proverbs 13:11.

Not Long Now

A good portion of the furore of months tantalizing the minds of the people of the nation and the world will come to a climax next week at Chicago, when Republican convention delegates choose a nominee for president.

As has been said repeatedly since the Republican debacle of 1936, when Alf Landon's electoral vote total against the late President Roosevelt was only that cast by Maine and Vermont, the nation is remarking "the Republicans must win this year or go out of business". It's not necessarily true, of course, for the Republicans have been able to keep their organization together through 20 years of extreme drought, when their only nationwide victory was the short-lived off-year Congressional election of 1946.

It's a two-man horse race in Chicago next week, between Senator Taft and General Eisenhower. Yet neither of the faster horses may win. Just like the Kentucky derby, a dark horse may be the victor.

Essentially, the Taft-Eisenhower fight is an underlying one between the Republican Old Guard and the "young Turks", or liberals, in the Republican party. A Taft victory will mean that the nation has one more chance to reverse the trend toward a more centralized government while an Eisenhower victory will mean that the nation's left-of-center course, as promulgated by the Democratic party, will definitely be continued.

What the Republicans do will have much bearing on the Democratic convention beginning in the same convention hall two weeks later.

As the Herald has remarked before, Chicago should be Ike's biggest fight. Taft is the favorite and has control of the convention. Popularity with the rank-and-file voter is helpful, but not imperative, in convention politics.

Our congratulations to Hilton Ruth, who has succeeded to the chairmanship of the trade promotion committee of the Kings Mountain Merchants association. This is one of the association's most important committees and prior service by Mr. Ruth indicates that his tenure will be a successful one.

Many taxpayers have availed themselves the benefits of the law in taking a two percent discount on city taxes. It's a smart move, for there's no use paying more taxes than necessary at any time. Taxes take too big a bite anyhow.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the Harry family at Grover. Four grandchildren of Mrs. C. F. Harry, Sr., have fell victim to polio, another disease still baffling the best minds of medical science.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

According to Mr. J. R. Davis, local chairman of the War Savings Bonds, the people in Kings Mountain are doing their bit in buying War Savings Bonds and Stamps.

Large congregations have been in attendance at the union services being held in the five downtown churches.

SOCIAL AND PERSONALS
Mrs. Fred Plonk was hostess to members of the Home Arts Club and invited guests entertaining at her home Wednesday evening. Miss Carlyle Ware is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lamar Ware in Laurens, S. C.
Charles Troy Carpenter left recently for Fort Benning, Ga.



MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdose.

Holiday Notes

It's July Fourth holiday time, and most folk are taking advantage of it, one way or another. The heat of the pre-Fourth season helped many an employee and employer to decide that the mid-year work suspension is a pretty wonderful thing.

Even the Herald gets a holiday, a happy result of July 4th hitting on the weekend. Last year, Independence Day found us "in the slot" putting out the regular edition.

Last weekend and the first of this week there has been a mess of travel activity, but not everyone has plied the highways and byways. Many have assigned for themselves (or have been assigned by their petticoat governors) home duties, such as cleaning up the yard, clipping the shrubbery, or painting the house. Others have found a nearby lake to cool off or fish in. It's a good thing everybody doesn't decide to do the same thing. The world would be in an awful mess.

Ballard Night: "Charlie Ballard night" proved quite successful from all standpoints. A big crowd of fans was on hand to honor the Kings Mountain baseball veteran, who has a long record which belies his actual age. As Plato Heavener, my neighbor in the stands, remarked at the game the other night, Charlie has been a "name" in baseball since he was a youngster, starting on the high school and Legion teams here, before advancing to fast semi-pro and professional company. When the announcer invited Kings Mountain fans to stand up, a big proportion of the audience did. Several folk behind me had remarked that "Charlie won't do no good to-night, too much pressure on". But Charlie did all right for himself. The game was only minutes old before he had spinned a heaven-bound throw from across the infield and adeptly tagged the base for what proved to be a run-saving put out. Later he doubled down the left field line and stole a base. It wasn't a bad night for a guy with the pressure on him. And Shelby won, to make the evening near-perfect.

Lincolnton, the enemy-of-the-moment and the loser, had plenty of representation too. It is one of Shelby's arch-rivals, and players and fans have occasionally mixed it up, fist-wise. Clarence Black was sitting in a crowd of Shelby folk who were evidently quite serious about winning the game. Until Clarence cheered for Charlie Ballard, he had been eyed with considerable suspicion, he reports.

Speaking of baseball, the Herald had an interesting experience recently. A former citizen who lives 300-plus miles distant telephoned one morning recently to say that he had noted in the Herald that the Legion Baseball Fund wasn't in the best of condition and that he wanted to help out. His method: "Find three deserving youngsters who can't afford to pay to see the games, give them season tickets and send me the bill." His only condition was that he not be identified. The youngsters were found and they are deserving. One of the lads has a paper route, but he is one of a family of twelve that has only one person earning a regular wage.

We thought it unique that a man would put himself to that much difficulty to help a civic enterprise in his former community and quickly came to the conclusion that if more people, both those at home and at distant points, had the same kind of interest and put it into effect, Kings Mountain would really take off as a good community in which to live.

I would like to identify the gentleman, but I promised I wouldn't.

About the only people I've run into not complaining about the long, mercury-bustin' heat wave has been the farmers, who, it would seem, got the hottest of the heat. Cotton farmers like it, for it works on boll weevil and other ruinous pests.

The fans and air-conditioning boys have had a banner season. If I were in the appliance business in any way, I think I'd be laying plans for a dealership, or two, on air-conditioning for next season. Five dollars down and a couple of bucks per week have filled up the homes of the nation with wash-

Lucky You

by Dick Shaw



Lucky you—you jay-walked and reached the other side

Viewpoints of Other Editors

WE MOVE FAST

STATE MAGAZINE

Some of the highway ideas we are putting down in solid concrete are out-of-date almost before the pavement is dry. In the lobby of the Robert E. Lee in Winston Salem the other day, we ran into Getty Browning who was poring over an interesting-looking map. It turned out to be one of a proposed super-highway to carry express traffic right through Winston-Salem.

This speedway will replace the idea which Winston-Salem people have nurtured for some time of having a belt of truck highways around the city.

"The by-pass, as such, is already out-of-date," said Browning. "You remember that 70 and 64, which by-pass Hickory and parallel the city limits for about six miles, originally was through an undeveloped section. But what happened? Now business and residences are moving on the highway, lining it on both sides until the by-pass will be the heart of a new area of congestion. The developments along these by-passes are creating a lot of turn-in and turn-out local traffic which is making the by-pass just like any main street in a city."

The Winston-Salem speedway, on the other hand, will be a double-lane highway which will cut across town. The streets which now cross the right-of-way will either deadend at the new highway, or will follow secondary streets paralleling the highway, or will tunnel under or go over it. Access to it will be possible in the city, but the access streets will tap the super-highway with elaborate entries and exits which will include deceleration zones. This means that motorists wishing to turn off the super-highway will first turn into a slow-down lane near the exit intersection, thus permitting the rapid flow of through traffic past these intersections.

Murray Released To Inactive Status

Mack Murray, W O J G, U. S. Army, Special Services Division, was released to inactive duty on June 1, and has returned to his home in Kings Mountain.

He is now again active in the operation of his East Kings Mountain business, Murray's General Merchandisers, which has been operated, in his absence, by his father, and sister.

Mr. Murray extends an invitation to all his friends and former customers to drop by and see him, including machines, radios, electric stoves and hot water heaters. The television population is growing and why not air-conditioning units, at least in the bedroom?

Happy Independence Day!

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was due in no small measure to the excellent cooperation which we received from you and through the facilities of your newspaper.

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