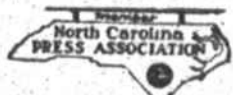




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. Proverbs 29:2.

Senator Lennon

Some North Carolina political leaders seemed to gasp in shock last week, when the announcement was made that Governor Umstead had appointed to the United States Senate Alton Asa Lennon of Wilmington.

The Herald does not wish to infer that it knows Senator Lennon any better than the vast majority of North Carolinians, though it can relate that a Wilmington friend sought an endorsement of the new senator ten days in advance of the appointment. However, lacking knowledge of the man, no action was taken, fortunately or not.

Comment was frequent and fulsome, following the announcement, on two general lines: "Do you know him?" and "Can he beat Kerr Scott next spring?" The answer to Question 1 was always "No", and the answer to Question 2 was frequently the same.

Undoubtedly, much of the hue and cry has stemmed from the fact that Governor Umstead withstood the recommendations of many groups who favored particular candidates for the appointment and who are disappointed. For many conferences were held, many telegrams sent, many telephone messages handed the governor.

In the instance of Senator Lennon, no great support was supplied. Even the Wilmington Jaycees couldn't muster a second to a motion that Mr. Lennon be endorsed.

All of this lack of fanfare may be in the new Senator's favor and in Governor Umstead's, too. The pictures indicate Senator Lennon is a nice-looking family man, and that he has a pleasing personality. He is classed as a conservative, by virtue of supporting Mr. Umstead for Governor and the late Willis Smith for senator. He has political experience in the North Carolina legislature, and he comes from one of North Carolina's more populous counties, New Hanover, which, in turn, has had a long drought since one of its sons sat in the halls of Congress.

Majority of the citizens of the state will convey the new junior senator only good wishes on his appointment and will maintain, at worst, an open mind as it observes his performance in representing North Carolina in Washington.

Selling History

Much attention has been given to the selling of North Carolina history in the past two decades.

Principal point is that history is one of the few, if any other, assets which can be sold, yet retained to be sold again and again and again.

The statement was made by an authoritative gentleman last weekend that the travel industry is now North Carolina's second from the standpoint of dollars it brings into the hands of the state's citizens.

It was a surprising statement, in view of the state's tobacco industry, its textile industry, and its cotton industry. Right or wrong, it is common knowledge that travelers invade our mountains, our seashores and the Piedmont, many of them attracted by the historical shrines of colonial days and before.

In May, more than 14,000 persons dropped in to view the Kings Mountain National Military Park museum, and, now, through the efforts of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., an historical drama further calls attention to the interesting history of our own particular segment of the Carolinas.

And the drama is getting attention. People of other communities now ask of their Kings Mountain friends, "How's the drama coming along?", and newspapers far and near relate accounts of the forthcoming production.

Selling is hard work, a fact little understood by some, and those who have devoted their energies to selling North Carolina history deserve both praise and cooperation, locally and otherwise.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain tax rate will remain at \$1.50 for the coming fiscal year as the budget was adopted at the City meeting Tuesday night in the City Hall.

Social And Personal
Mrs. Eugene McCarter and Miss Evelyn Goforth entertained at bridge and rock at their home

on Piedmont Ave. Tuesday night honoring Mrs. S. R. Suber, Jr., nee Miss Rosalee Polk, of Rockingham, a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Suber.

Pvt. Eugene Ross who has been on maneuvers in California is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross.

Pvt. Clyde L. Moss, who is stationed at Camp Chagee, Ark., has returned to his post after visiting friends and relatives here.

Sgt. Hubert Aderholdt has returned to Sebert, Ala., after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Aderholdt.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

They get better, I believe.

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I refer to the conventions of the North Carolina Press association, of which the session at New Bern last weekend was Number 81. The format of the two-day gathering is always the same, but the content is always different, and last weekend's Thursday - to - Saturday confab was as good as has been.

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The weatherman helped somewhat by cooling off the temperatures, but even so, the hotel operators were already prepared with room-air-conditioners which made a considerable difference on the first hot evening.

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Actually, the program looked just a little forboding, what with two "big" speakers scheduled for the first evening's platform. Miss Gertrude Carraway, national president of the Daughters of the American Revolution was just home from a long tour of speech-making and addressed the press on the same program with Lyle Wilson, a veteran working newsman out of Washington who has just been elected a vice-president of the United Press. Miss Carraway, who, I believe, has addressed the Col. Frederick Hambright DAR here, made a very good speech and I added to the pride of the audience that she was onetime an editorial writer for her hometown paper, the New Bern Sun-Journal.

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With a notice of at least, if not a snide remark at, the Secrecy Act business of the recent North Carolina General Assembly, Capitol Newsman Wilson related some of the added difficulties facing the Washington reporter since bureaucracy started growing like ivy in the shade. During the Coolidge era, when he first went to Washington, the reporters had no particular difficulty seeing Cabinet heads, getting into the White House, or elsewhere. Recently, he said, he was invited to lunch with Herbert Brownell. Accompanying a department official who was also a guest, Mr. Wilson noted that entrance was not accomplished via the usual direct, through-the-main-office avenue. The pair proceeded down a quiet corridor, through a false door, opened by a private key, via another corridor into the private sanctum of the attorney general.

In addition, Wilson added, the secretary has a private elevator leading directly to the garage below. If Mr. Brownell wants to dodge anybody, he takes the elevator, climbs into the car and takes off. Needless to say, the UP's Wilson doesn't think that news-by-statement and department handout is very credible news.

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Friday morning's program was furnished by the Marines at Cherry Point and I was absent to take a busman's holiday to see the plant of the New Bern paper. Already a clean, well-equipped plant, an expansion program is currently underway. Particular interest attended to it because the publisher of the New Bern Sun-Journal is C. A. Eury, onetime (1907-1911) publisher of the Kings Mountain Herald. Kings Mountain must be a good training ground, for many former local newsmen have done well at other locales, Mr. Eury being one of them. Others include Curtis Russ at Waynesville and the late B. J. King, until his death publisher of the Aiken, S. C., paper. Mr. Eury was reminiscing about his tenure in Kings Mountain and said he remembered many people here, or at least their parents. Though the town was smaller and the operation smaller, it was amazing to note the similarity of problems then and today.

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Mr. Eury is a wonderful host and had a lot of helping hands in entertaining the couple hundred press folk present. There was no more delightful entertainment during the convention than a boat ride on the Neuse and Trent rivers Friday evening. It wasn't one big boat, but many small craft operated by private citizens who donated their boats and time to entertaining the visiting newsmen. We disembarked for a New Bern style fish fry at the Trent Pines club, and I am prepared to recommend "New Bern" as mighty fine style.

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After the convention closed Saturday morning, the medical department journeyed to Morehead City for an overnight visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Whichard, of the Greenville Daily Reflector, along with the Asheley Futrelles of "Little" Washington. The wind

Who, ME?

by Robert Osborn



There were more traffic casualties last year than ever before in history: 37,600 killed and 2,090,000 injured. Only YOU can prevent accidents!

Viewpoints of Other Editors

LET'S NAME OUR TOWNSHIPS

The Times Joins The Kings Mountain Herald in its advocacy "that the good commissioners of Cleveland County.....take the several townships out of the convict class and assign each of them names."

The county's eleven townships are presently designated only by number and we would venture the guess that no more than a handful of Clevelanders could define their boundaries, while only a minority of local folks could give a rough location of townships by their numbers.

Cleveland's geography, as the Herald suggests, would be greatly simplified were township numbers to be replaced by township names. For example, No. 4 township could be designated Kings Mountain township, No. 3 township could be called Earl township, No. 11 could be dubbed Caesar township, and then a great many more Clevelanders could tell you off-hand where the townships are.

In addition, it would not be amiss for the commissioners to consider the advisability of marking township boundaries, at least on the county's main highways. If township boundaries are useful, let's get them more clearly marked and titled more descriptively so that people can know them and use them.

Vacation Areas Free Of Polio

RALEIGH — Dr. J. W. R. Norton, North Carolina State Health Officer, declared here that "no polio exists in the tourist regions of the mountains or along the coast", and that "there is nothing connected with the polio situation in North Carolina to interfere with tourist travel."

Dr. Norton made his statement after a survey of the polio outbreak in Caldwell County, which has been the subject of wide national publicity because of the mass inoculations with gamma globulin. He said he was issuing a formal statement because he was receiving telephone calls and letters from all parts of the country inquiring if the Caldwell County outbreak presented a health hazard to vacations in North Carolina's mountain and coastal resorts.

Dr. Norton's statement follows: "There is nothing connected with the polio situation in North Carolina which would interfere with tourist travel to any part of the state. The only area affected is Caldwell County and to some extent of the three adjacent counties of Catawba, Burke, and Wilkes counties. No polio exists as of this date (July 9) in the summer tourist regions or to any extent in any of the other 96 counties in North Carolina."

"Our resorts, assemblies, and summer camps, are all well-protected under our existing sanitary laws, and under strict health inspection at all times."

was cold and we didn't even get a big toe wet, but the generally relaxing ministrations of seaside atmosphere were as effective as ever. I am right partial to the Morehead City strand which partisans claim is the cleanest, safest beach on the Eastern seaboard. Right or wrong, they can make a good case for it.

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Sunday it was a long trek back, and, though the Monday a. m. headlines didn't indicate it, the Sunday drivers seemed to be saner than usual.

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