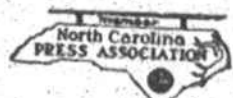




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge. II Peter 2:5.

Significant?

Back in the late thirties, it was the habit of the so-called intellectual set to read special or, more popularly, social significance into every play, movie, or drama, every utterance of a person of any degree of prominence, and of almost every happening.

Sometimes the habit was overdone, and it may be possible that the politicians of the United States, and the news-men, too, have over-done the "significance" attached to the recent Congressional election in Wisconsin, where a Democrat soundly defeated a Republican for the first time ever.

It is assumed that both parties, in interpreting the returns, will conveniently forget that both candidates were ex-Progressives in the state that produced the famed LaFollettes.

It is a fact, however, and perhaps worthy of the double streamer used by the Charlotte News in reporting the result of the special election, that the losing Republican candidate said he was going to Washington and was going to vote just like the Eisenhower administration suggested. After losing out, the defeated Republican candidate frankly said he'd rode the Eisenhower bandwagon after the wheels started coming off.

None hereabouts has to be told that the farmers, many of whom helped put Ike in the White House, are unhappy about their lot. A banker from a neighboring community, confronted with that fact recently, immediately started ranting about the favored position the farmer had enjoyed for many years, an attitude seemingly shared by the GOP administration, if Secretary Benson's remarks are to be taken as the criterion.

Farmers are not the only major segment of the society unhappy with their lot. Working people don't like the appearance of layoff and part-time prospects, and the prospect of a federal sales tax is not at all a pleasant one, be it at retailer or manufacturer level.

The GOP margin is narrow in the Congress and President Eisenhower faces the bleak prospect of an enemy Congress for the final two years of his term, if the Wisconsin business meant anything.

If the city can collect garbage twice weekly, instead of once, then all citizens should be quite happy to invest \$2.50 in a standard-size garbage can, which can be handled more quickly and easily than the 50-gallon oil drums gracing many backyards. And the city's request for placing garbage on the streets, where convenient, is reasonable, too, particularly where avenues to backyards are narrow and clogged. This service of the city, in the absence of these new-fangled sinks that dispose of garbage through the drain, is probably one of the least appreciated, but one of the most important. Maybe someday the mass production experts will eliminate the need for the garbage collection operator, but it'll probably be many seasons yet.

The fire siren has been sounding with more regularity lately, indicating that October is indeed a bad month for fires, and indicating, too, that many citizens need to be more careful in handling oil heating units and other possible hazards. Stoves should be checked and flues repaired before cold weather hits with full icy fury.

A cordial welcome to Rev. A. D. Holt, new pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, and our best wishes to Rev. C. E. McKenzie, who served the church well during a difficult period.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The annual Floral Fair sponsored by the Woman's Club will be held on Friday, October 20th at the club and lunch and supper served as usual.

Social And Personal
Honoring Miss Salena Parton, November bride-elect, Mrs. Ertle Powers entertained at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. K. Crook last Friday night.

Mrs. M. A. Ware most delightfully entertained members of the Study Club and invited guests at her home on Gaston street Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. K. Crook was hostess to members of the Home Arts Club and invited guests at her home Thursday night.

Gene Timms is spending the week with his parents in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. B. N. Barnes spent the weekend in Charlotte where she attended a reunion at Elizabeth church.

Miss Florence Rhea, student at Mars Hill College, will spend the weekend at her home in Kings

Mountain and will have as her guest a fellow student, Miss Phyllis Rowe of West Virginia.

Cpl. William B. Ashe has returned to Camp Butler, N. C. after spending the past weekend with his mother, Mrs. L. B. Ashe.

Word was received here at press time last night that Mrs. Catharine Mauney was elected President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the N. C. Lutheran Synod at the state meeting yesterday afternoon in Salisbury.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

The Kings Mountain merchants' Fall Festival Sale, underway already for a week, ends Saturday, with a television giveaway, in addition to numerous prizes from individual stores, and with numerous store stocks laced with additional bargains.

It has been a good time to buy during the merchants' fall festival. This weekend should be no exception, and someone will be happy with a new television set. From a couple of comments, reaching this department, many folk need a trade-in anyway, having about played out their old models. It reminds that the advent of television restored a business that had just about gone dead. Once upon a time the radio repairman was a busy fellow, as he probed for dead tubes, bad condensers, and other interfering ailments. Later on, radio manufacturing reached such a point of excellence that radios just didn't need fixing anymore. It is possible television will reach that stage someday, too, but our guess is that many youngsters will have grey hair prior to that happy day. There are simply too many adjustments and color's coming, too. Looks like none of us will ever be out of hock to the television industry.

Speaking of the Fall Festival reminds of a tale they tell on John Smathers, who, ever since he had arrived in Kings Mountain from Charlotte, had complained that his quarters didn't boast a shower. When the Smathers' purchased their present home on Rosewood avenue, it, naturally, had a shower. Long before the Smathers' moved in, John, it is told, was visiting the empty house at odd moments to enjoy his new shower. When Hilton Ruth was bragging to me last week about a special purchase he'd made on shower curtains, the first guy I thought about was John Smathers.

I have never been much of a Dogpatcher, or turnip-eater, but many people are, and, if so, I recommend W. Avery Harmon's turnip patch as a place to supply their wants in the turnip line. Mr. Avery planted about an acre and one-half to turnips over a six-week period, and, in spite of dry weather, the turnips are coming along on schedule. Last weekend, Mr. Harmon's diggings had already resulted in sale of 1,000 bunches of turnips, with the surface just scratched.

Warren Reynolds, now back in harness after his recent back operation at Cleveland Builders Supply, was showing me his place not long ago and in the corner were huge stacks of small plywood squares. "Bet you can't guess what they're for," Warren said, and he was right, I couldn't. The answer was that the small pieces of plywood would go into bird houses. Salvaging scraps of expensive plywood, and putting the houses together in slack work periods on a mass production basis makes a justifiably profitable sideline. Warren relates, "You'd be surprised," he said, "how many bird houses are sold in this town." That makes two bird-house experts, Warren and the original, Earl Carpenter.

I am indebted for the following tale to "The Pocketbook", monthly house organ of the Morganton News-Herald:

Entering a hotel, a traveler ordered a whiskey and soda, and was about to drink it when he noticed a painter at work on a ladder. Immediately he went out without touching the drink. The painter climbed down and lifted the customer's glass.

"Hi!" said the bartender, "you can't do that! The chap will be back in a minute, I expect."

"Oh, no, he won't," the painter replied. "You see, he's president of our local temperance society, and I'm the secretary."

Short notes: ex-Kings Mountain high school principal J. E. Huneycutt was elected secretary of the South Piedmont district school superintendent's organization last Friday. Superior Stone Company's big shovel and dozer made short work of the digging and stump-pullin' jobs at the Central Methodist building project last week. . . . once upon a time, the stumps would have required both dynamiting and heavy exertions by strong mules, too.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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18—American tourist organization (abbrev.)
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20—Ordered
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33—The wrist
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40—United Daughters (abbrev.)
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45—Cadaver
48—Blotch
50—Russian mountains
51—Malt beverage
52—Edge
53—Clearest of mind
54—Price
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1—Tree
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3—Rocklike matter
4—Smoking implement
5—To supply with a new food
6—Age
7—Ireland
8—One who requires
9—Partook of food
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14—Laughs at mockingly
15—Frozen rain storm
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20—Prickly seed coverings
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23—Exists
27—Ancient Chaldean city (poes.)
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34—Small skin elevation
36—Ones who make animals tractable
37—To process animal skins
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48—Dry, of wine
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See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Viewpoints of Other Editors

STRANGE AND UNDUE DELAY

The North Carolina Utilities Commission, for some strange reason, seems disinclined to grant Shelby and Kings Mountain municipal natural gas systems.

For 16 months the Commission has had before it petitions from both Cleveland communities seeking certificates of convenience and necessity. These certificates, if granted, would allow Shelby and Kings Mountain to issue bonds rather than hold bond elections for the gas systems.

This seems perfectly logical. The municipal gas systems would be income-producing operations and therefore the cities should not have to mortgage themselves to finance the project. With the certificates in hand the gas systems themselves would be the collateral on the installation costs.

For 16 months the Commission has failed to act. After oral arguments on Tuesday, it indicated that another month or so would be needed to render a final decision.

Public Service, Inc., a natural gas company, has fought these local municipally-owned gas systems since it, too, would like to furnish Shelby and Kings Mountain natural gas. And the firm played an ace when it retained the services of ex-Gov. Gregg Cherry to handle its case before the Commission, since Mr. Cherry knew three of the Commission members officially during his term as governor.

The thing that puzzles us is the Commission's hesitation. Public service has been granted an identical certificate of the type Shelby and Kings Mountain are seeking and their so-called franchise covers the local territory. No company can come into the communities, of course, without the permission of town governing bodies.

Shelby's request was the first of its type in North Carolina (Since then Lexington has submitted a similar petition). But the Shelby request is not without precedent. In a number of states, both north and south, communities have sought and have been granted approval to operate their own natural gas systems. Indeed, the Georgia equivalent of a state utilities commission has assured communities of its cooperation in granting certificates of convenience and necessity for natural gas systems.

It appears incredibly unfair of the N. C. Utilities Commission to tie up two communities by indecision. Shelby and Kings Mountain, legally, have every right to their municipal gas systems. The Commission, through the Revenue Bond Act of 1938, has clear authority to grant the certificates.

There is an overpowering amount of red tape involved in securing natural gas under the best conditions. Shelby and Kings Mountain have yet to hear what their allotment of gas will be or if any allotment will be made. That decision is smothered in another government agency, the Federal Power Commission, and has been for 10 months even after the FPC examiner recommended that the local requests be granted. But the real stickler in the whole involved situation is the artificial obstacle the Utilities Commission has established in Raleigh. Why, by the great horned spoon, do they hesitate to grant a legitimate request, legally submitted, in a field in which they have unchallenged authority? — Shelby Star.

BE CAREFUL, HUNTERS, OTHERS

The hunters have taken to the woods in Transylvania and throughout North Carolina, and because of the drought, we want to reiterate that the woodlands are powder dry.

Hunters should take special precautions against starting fires which could destroy not only crops and timber, but also the game which they have come to hunt.

The true sportsman, of course, observes all the laws — including the law of common sense. He is careful not only about fire hazards but also about the hunter on the other side of the field or woods, who may not be too careful where and when he shoots. Let good sense go along with good hunting.

With more than 80,000 acres of Transylvania in the Pisgah National Forest and with many smaller private forests in our country, the economic value alone should be sufficient incentive for every citizen to take every precaution against forest fires.

October 15 is the official opening date of the fire season, and the forest ranger reports that the woodlands are extremely dry at this time. All the fire tower lookouts have been alerted and the public is warned to be careful.

Transylvania is peculiarly blessed with soil and climate for growing trees, which are not only a great economic asset, but contribute much to the natural beauty. Many, many times have we elaborated on the multi-use activities of the Pisgah National Forest.

Just recently a survey showed that more people visited the Pisgah than any other national forest. And all during the summer the recreational areas were filled to capacity.

It has been aptly said that a million matches can be made from one tree and that a million trees can be burned by a forest fire started with one match in careless hands. — Transylvania Times.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PENS?

Postmaster General Summerfield is running around the country painting a glowing picture of the post office of the future:

Locations set off from congested areas, adequate parking facilities, even drive-in service like some banks have these days.

This is all very nice, Mr. Postmaster General. But when are we going to get to the heart of the matter? What are you going to do about those awful chicken-scratching pens that litter every post office counter from coast to coast? — Gastonia Gazette.

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