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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. St. Mark 13:22.

A Cordial Welcome

It is not everyday in the week, nor every year, that Kings Mountain can boast of entertaining a personality of national or international repute. Friday, then, will be something of a red letter day in the annals of the community generally and in the history of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club particularly, when Donald T. Forsythe, the president of Kiwanis International comes to Kings Mountain for a visit of state to the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and to Carolinas Division 1.

The Herald obtains an unusual measure of pleasure in the visit of President Forsythe, for he is a smalltown newspaper publisher, having become the sole owner of the Hancock County Journal, a county seat weekly paper at Carthage, Illinois, after first joining the staff as managing editor in the twenties. His Journal Printing Company also operates a job printing department, printing everything from tags to 400-page books, which is in the tradition of the weekly press. In addition, President Forsythe also founded a journalism department at Carthage College.

Mr. Forsythe's acceptance of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club invitation to visit here is undoubtedly due partially to his friendship with Dr. W. P. Gerberding, the friendship a product of Lutheran activities in the Mid-West. Both attended Thiel college, but Dr. Gerberding says he is earlier vintage and the acquaintanceship developed later.

It is hard for a district governor to visit all his clubs. Thus can be seen the magnitude of the task of an International civic club's leader in visiting his many clubs.

As the leader of a great organization spread all over the globe, President Forsythe is a man of influence and responsibility.

To paraphrase Senator Hoey, may his stay in the realm of the rolling plateaus and inspiring mountains be pleasant, and may he return soon to see again his friends of the Tar Heel state.

Look To Buffalo

Engineer W. K. Dickson says look to a better source for water, and suggests Buffalo Creek. Others keep wondering how far it would be—and how costly—to Broad River.

The question and the recommendation are academic, since the money available at present dictates remaining in the present area and being content with a few more gallons of potential supply.

A projection of the population of the city in 1950 to present indicates a growing population that, in a matter of a few years, is going to require much more water, assuming merely normal growth. However, if Kings Mountain follows the pattern of most cities, it will become very dry indeed before any efforts are made for handling the water problem on a long term basis. At least, Mr. Dickson's skirts will be clean. He will have pointed up the need.

Congratulations are in order to G. C. Kelly and his hard-working team which has made an "over-the-top" report on the 1954 Boy Scout fund campaign. A reminder is in order, too, that the Red Cross campaign currently underway deserves the full support of the community. Those who haven't yet contributed should make their plans to help this worthy cause.

Our congratulations to Milton Hope and Ollie Harris, the stellar high school basketball offensive stars, on their selection to the all-conference basketball team, and to Johnny Kiser, a former high school luminary now at Oak Ridge Military academy, who was named to the all-star team for junior colleges.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Dr. Gus W. Dyer of Nashville, Tenn., chief of the speaker's bureau of the Southern State Industrial Council, will address members of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs this evening at 7 o'clock in the Woman's club building.

Faculty members of Kings Mountain high school won a doubleheader in the annual faculty-student basketball game Tuesday night in the high school gymnasium.

Social and Personal Misses Betty Cash and Jean Cash were guests of honor at a birthday party Saturday afternoon at their home.

Mrs. R. C. Etheridge arrived from Laguna Beach, Calif., last Saturday and will be in Kings Mountain for an indefinite stay. Aubrey Mauney is on a business trip to New York City. Mrs. Herbert Garmon and daughter of Yadkinville are guests of Mrs. Carroll Barnes.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

To steal a line from a certain product well advertised on press, tv, and radio, the Herald should have looked "cleaner, fresher, smoother" last week than it ever has. The improved look should continue this week and henceforth.

The reason was another machine addition to the composing room, called the Elrod strip-cater. And strips are the product. However, we get no less than seven different kinds of strips out of this strip-casting machine, four of which can actually be seen in print, and three of which cannot.

Actually, it perhaps requires an experienced eye to note the refinements in the printing process wrought by this new machine, which is not 1/10 the size of one of Amos Dean's Buick Super's, though it costs as much. The Elrod purchase is a matter of refinement of our basic printing process. For nine years, here at the Herald, we have been re-investing in basic printing equipment—typesetting machines, job presses, a rotary perforating machine, a precision saw, paper drill, newspaper press, etc.—and future purchases will be in the nature of refinements—to obtain even better typography, to increase efficiency and speed of operation, and to further meet our continuing pledge to publish a gradually improving paper.

The reasons the Elrod improves the paper's appearance and sharpness of typography are several. Among the items it casts are metal base material, on which Compositor Horace (Red) Walker mounts the many metal castings, of autos, cigarettes, lingerie, dresses, suits, coats, furniture, movie stars, etc. Until the Herald installed the Elrod last week, the base material used was wood—either special pressed-and-glued plywood which is not available from nearby sources, or redwood, which Elmer Lumber Co. has been most helpful in supplying. However, lumber planes do not shave to the fine microscopic thicknesses required for precision printing, and in addition, wood, under heavy pressure of the printing presses, has a tendency to "give" or to compress. The papers at the end of a press run, for instance, weren't quite as sharp as the first ones.

Spacing material, in varying widths, is produced on the Elrod, and many, many pounds of it are used in each weekly edition. Previously, the Herald compositors have been required to give great attention to saving this costly material. Now the machine will produce from molten metal new spacing each week, much as a typesetting machine chews up for this week last week's old type. The saving in time and trouble will be considerable.

Another benefit will be the demise of broken border-around advertisements and chipped rule between the columns. Metal, of itself, is not cheap for its per pound rate multiplies quickly when it's placed on the scales. A ton of the stuff arrived by truck the other day in four not-too-big boxes. Where every effort in the past has been made, due to financial necessity, to save and reuse border material and column rule, it will now be possible to use full-length, newly manufactured stuff each week, a contribution to both efficiency and good appearance.

Here are the "seeable" products from the Elrod strip-caster:

6-pt. column rule, used between columns, around advertisements;

3-pt. column rule, for advertising, and related purposes;

12-pt. border, used mostly in black sale advertising;

12-pt. border, which provides variety in advertising layout from other kinds shown here;

It is a real pleasure to be moving into the "refinement" end of printing equipment, and, not surprising, this is the first step. A seemingly costly one it is perhaps the cheapest of the several "refinement" machines which we expect to be adding over the years. But it is a start, and the Herald staff, both front and back, looks forward to further progress in this direction.

Printing equipment dealers are real nice. They offer terms approximating those of the First National Bank, GMAC, CIT, and the other institutions of finance. Painless, though regular, extraction is the keynote, but there's no waiving the down-payment. We expect to be in hock awhile, but we think it's worth it.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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 - 2-Santiago is its capital
 - 3-Pacific island group
 - 4-Natives of a continent
 - 5-Dance step
 - 6-Permit
 - 7-Confused Omaha
 - 8-Dry granulated starch
 - 9-Tavern
 - 10-Excitation of digest
 - 11-Group of tribes in Burma and Siam
 - 12-Artist
 - 13-English textile city
 - 14-Type of advertising sign
 - 15-Prickly fruit covering
 - 16-Character in "Oliver Twist"
 - 17-Ancient Asiate
 - 18-Country
 - 19-Prohibit
 - 20-Limb
- ### DOWN
- 1-Exclamation of satisfaction
 - 2-Geographic picture
 - 3-Roman numeral
 - 4-Hawaiian city (pop.)
 - 5-Group of American counties
 - 6-Educational Society
 - 7-Girl's name
 - 8-Part of "to be" (abbrev.)
 - 9-A national capital city
 - 10-Man's name
 - 11-Excluded particle
 - 12-Great diamond city of the world (pop.)
 - 13-Famous Canadian resort city
 - 14-Rail
 - 15-Ancient city of the Chaldees
 - 16-Newspaper announcement
 - 17-Moslem religion
 - 18-The larger part of the world's surface
 - 19-Male child
 - 20-Chimney (dist.)
 - 21-Before
 - 22-Was indisposed
 - 23-Means of revenue
 - 24-Partially to one of the British Isles
 - 25-European capital city
 - 26-Stormed
 - 27-Long-flying gull-like bird
 - 28-Tofels
 - 29-Chemical symbol for tellurium
 - 30-Eastern Siam (abbrev.)
 - 31-Rail
 - 32-Toward

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Viewpoints of Other Editors

A PLEA FOR IKE

After discounting the purely partisan aspects of Adlai Stevenson's speech before a Democratic gathering at Miami Beach last Saturday night, it could be well termed an outstanding American's plea for President Eisenhower to exert the influence and power which earned him the respect and support in the 1952 elections.

He asked that the President take the steps necessary to heal the schism that exists within the Republican party and to get on with the business of governing the country.

Mr. Stevenson was speaking more as an American than he was a partisan and one could sense, listening, that he held Mr. Eisenhower in respect. But his was a troubled voice concerned with the broader aspects of the world situation which seem currently to be side-tracked because of domestic disharmony.

The New York Times, a potent supporter of President Eisenhower, sounds the call for positive action by saying: "We believe that President Eisenhower and his advisors will be mistaken if they proceed on the theory that there can be unity between fairness and unfairness, between the judicial approach and the demagogue's ranting, between an effective drive against communism and a reckless bid for personal publicity. We believe President Eisenhower will lose more, in popular approval, in the integrity of his Administration and in his own peace of mind, if he tolerates Mr. McCarthy than if he separates himself from Mr. McCarthy now, unequivocally and by name. If there is one quality that the people of this country have always respected, and do respect now, it is moral courage."

The President needs only to take his case to the people to learn that they hold him in regard nearly equal to that in which they held him when Republicans, Democrats and Independents combined to sweep him into office. — Chatham County News

HAIL, SPIRIT OF SPRING!

One or two robins do not make a spring; a few hardy members of the clan nearly always winter up this way and can be seen even in early January by those who want to look deep enough in the brushy tangles. But when flocks of robins appear in the pasture lands, that's something else again. And several flocks are now reported as far north as the lower Berkshires. They are very busy and they're not singing much, but they are here.

The American robin is a thrush, cousin of the wood thrush, the hermit, the veery and various other sweet-voiced individuals. It was originally called a robin by English settlers who weren't too well informed ornithologically. They saw a red-breasted bird and remembered the English robin, which is considerably smaller and belongs to the family of warblers, so they called this big American bird a robin, too. It doesn't greatly matter, for both birds are friendly, like human company, sing, have reasonably good manners, and are pleasant to have around. And, for the specialists, the ornithological differences were soon enough classified and put on record. And nobody cared too much if the popular name persisted.

CONSTABLES MUST GO

It will be nearly 11 months, of course, before the General Assembly meets again but candidates for places in that august body will announce sometime within the next few weeks. This is as good a time as any, therefore, for residents of Rutherford county to let their prospective legislators know what they want in the way of good legislation.

There is one enactment that the Rutherford County News wants. That is an abolition of the office of constable.

There is no need for this office anywhere in North Carolina. A statewide law really should be passed to eliminate it. If no statewide law is enacted to do this, however, Rutherford county should seek a local bill to accomplish this purpose within our own boundaries, at least.

Rutherford has had some blatant demonstrations of the weakness of the constable system. The weakness is that the system gives badges and authority to men who do not necessarily have the training or the temperament to serve as police officers. Men who possess law enforcement authority should operate in an organized police department. Constables have the opportunity, at least, to operate within their territories as independent, one-man police departments answerable to no one except the voting public and that only once every two years.

It must be said to the credit of the vast majority of constables that most of them remain inactive or they act only in cooperation with regular police departments or sheriff's deputies. The comparative few who go earnestly into the law enforcing business after being elected turn the spotlight on the defects in the whole system. — Rutherford County News

GOATLESS PUBLICATIONS

Ole Weimar Jones did such a good job of summing up the press vs. secrecy issue that he surprised even his closest friends who knew his ability already.

One little sidelight we think should be taken up and expanded, though it has no enormous connection with the issue. That is the fact that the producers of little newspapers have to carry a bigger burden of personal responsibility than do the staff members of large publications. The average reader of a large paper may not even know the names of those who write the news and editorials which make him fume. If he knows the names, he rarely knows anything else about them and even more rarely will he ever encounter them.

Farthing Seeks Re-Nomination As Solicitor

LENOIR — James C. Farthing of Lenoir, today forwarded his filing fee to the State Board of Elections at Raleigh, as a candidate to succeed himself as solicitor of the 16th Judicial district, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 29.

Jack Sink's Father Dies

Funeral services were held Friday for Homer C. Sink, 56, of Thomasville, father of Jack Sink, former city schools faculty member and assistant coach, now with the army in Germany.

Mr. Sink, a Thomasville business man since 1921, died after suffering a heart attack on March 10, while attending choir practice at Grace Lutheran church.

He was a prominent Lutheran and member of the PO S of A. He was a native of Davidson county.

Surviving, in addition to his son, are his wife, Mrs. Ada Hinkle Sink, two brothers, and one granddaughter.

— a powerful thing — presses down on one man. Somebody told us that even the big publications have to shift responsibility around and dilute it. Time magazine, we are told, has a mythical staff member named Harvey Matthews. He is the office goat, and unsavory mistakes are laid to his door. If an irate reader makes his way to the Time office, Mr. Matthews has just left by plane for Alaska.

But when you operate in a town four blocks long, you can't conceal a Mr. Matthews, a Joe Doaks or John Doe. You either say your piece and have your good neighbors hissing at you, or you knuckle under. — State Magazine

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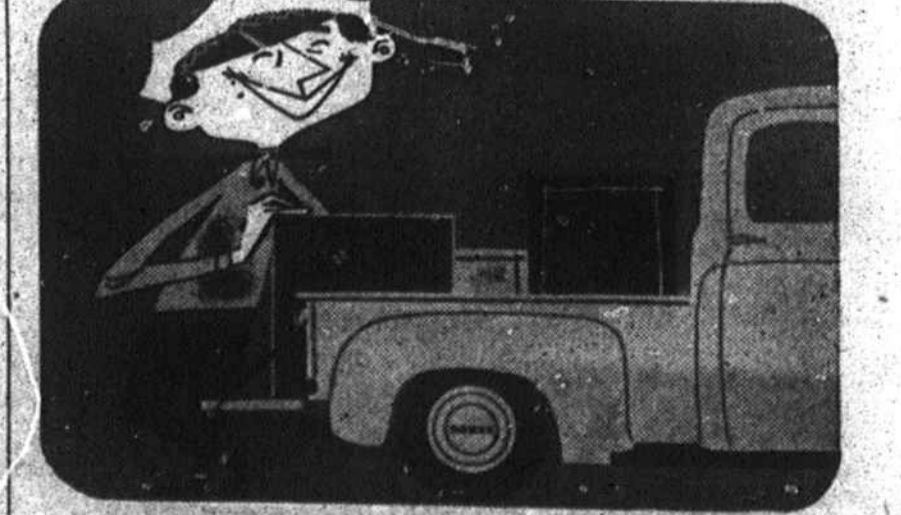
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