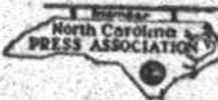




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Isaiah 64:8.

Too Much Expense

Kays Gary, the Charlotte Observer columnist and Cleveland County native, noted in his Sunday writings that Alexander Hamilton was the father of the so-called "bought" vote, constantly excoerated by citizens and politicians, with both groups seldom practicing their preachings on pain of losing the next election. Of course, somebody loses anyway.

Senator-Nominee Scott reported expenses of \$57,000 in his successful campaign on May 29, and Senator Lennon, who lost, said he spent \$39,000. Those were the amounts spent through state headquarters, and undoubtedly are only a small portion of the total, a sum unattainable because most of it came "out of pocket" from individuals and on local level.

In England, regulations on campaign spendings are very, very strict, but no serious effort at cutting campaign expenditures has ever been made in North Carolina nor in the nation. Even so, the effort probably would be useless, for, unless it had the near-unanimous support of all — citizen and politician alike — it would be winked at and ineffective.

The principal hope is the continued education of the citizen, who, with each succeeding election, continues to show a greater degree of independence in the way he marks his ballot. As he reads more, listens more on the radio and via television, he becomes more knowledgeable in his own right and less dependent on the advice of his neighbor making \$10 to \$40 for a hard day's work at the polls.

A Real Service

Among the many worthwhile activities and services to Kings Mountain during the lifetime of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club the chief one is the formation of the Student Education Loan Fund, which started on small scale and like Topsy, continued to grow.

Of course, the fund is still small, but it is still growing and, with the function now established on a permanent basis, will increase its scope of service as the years pass.

Already eight Kings Mountain area youths have been given an opportunity they would not have had otherwise to better their lots in the world of living. Two have repaid in full the loans tendered them, making the funds available again for continuation of the chain.

In a nation which bases its thinking on the dignity of the individual and the right of everyone to better himself and to move across any set of tracks, the Kiwanis Club is making a valuable contribution to the human values which the idealistic Jefferson phrased for posterity.

Two Fine Women

Death has claimed two Kings Mountain citizens of long residence, Mrs. Candace Miller Mauney and Miss Pearl Hicks, both of whom had devoted years of service to the community.

Mrs. Mauney was a product of the old school. Born in the year immediately preceding the Civil War, Mrs. Mauney's childhood days were spent in the poverty-stricken Reconstruction period, which meant hard work or starvation for all Southerners. Tribulation also accentuates inborn traits of character and industry, and these Mrs. Mauney constantly exhibited all her life, even in her later years when she was well-past the Biblical promise of threescore years and ten.

Miss Hicks, younger by 26 years, was also familiar with the paths of industry and service. Through 30 years she was a well-known figure of dependability in the commercial life of Kings Mountain and was equally devoted and hard-working in the affairs of Boyce Memorial A.P.C. church.

Both these Christian women have set examples others would do well to emulate.

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.

The first case of Infantile Paralysis in the Kings Mountain area since the epidemic began in this section of the state several weeks ago has been reported. The victim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones of the Dilling village.

A branch of the Cleveland County office of the United States Employment Service has been opened here in the City Hall. Social Aid Personal Miss May Plonk is visiting relatives in Atlanta, Ga. Miss Betty Hayes and Miss Lou-

ise Hüllender are visiting Mrs. Odell Long in Wilmington. Mrs. F. G. Padgett, Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., Mrs. G. F. Lattimore, Mrs. Proctor Thompson, and Mrs. Hugh Ormond have returned from a stay at Crescent Beach.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

S. L. Latimer, editor of the Columbia, S. C. State, telephoned Friday afternoon on an interesting question concerning the script of "The Sword of Gideon", which has been re-edited by the author, Florette Henri, for the coming season opening July 22.

Mr. Latimer noted that he had read Mrs. Henri's book "Kings Mountain", and that only minor treatment had been given one Col. James Williams, whom Mr. Latimer described as South Carolina's major hero at the historic Battle of Kings Mountain and perhaps the major hero of the day. Col. Williams, Editor Latimer, continued, and his militia were among the first to scale the ridge and are thought to be those who sent the hail of bullets into Patrick Ferguson's chest. Col. Williams himself was killed in the battle, and his body rests today on the court square at Gaffney, I believe Mr. Latimer said.

The State editor reasons that Col. Williams, by virtue of his deeds, should be included in the dramatization of the battle which turned the tide, and he wanted to get in touch with someone in authority. I routed him to Mrs. F. G. Padgett, who handles everything from publicity to costumes to acting parts with both agility and ability. In turn, I furnished him with Mrs. Henri's address.

Since the battleground is now unquestionably on the Southern side of North Carolina — regardless of the arguments concerning the boundaries of former days — it would seem that Mr. Latimer's suggestion is a worthwhile one, supported both by history and by definite appeal to South Carolina neighbors of Kings Mountain National Military Park. It may be too late for inclusion this year, but if Col. Williams did the job with which Mr. Latimer credits him, then his presence in the script would add to the value of the drama.

Ed Smith, the younger, to whom I mentioned the Latimer call, has done much reading on the Kings Mountain battle, and reported an interesting twist. Col. Williams, he said, tried to lure the Ferguson forces into the Ninety-Six area for the major engagement — the better to force the local Tories into open allegiance with the British and to have an opportunity to confiscate their lands, as well as to annihilate them.

The days of the Revolution were bitter, with neighbor arrayed against neighbor, and brother against brother. Charles Carpenter's story of the Goforth horn in last week's Herald, where brother killed brother, was undoubtedly repeated more than once in that war-torn period.

Though Independence Day is over and thus the traditional "big travel" day the summer, the tourist mecca at beach and mountain are just getting into full stride for the current season. The tourist industry in the state is now said to be the No. 2 industry in gross return, which is quite a big one, considering the great textile, tobacco, and agricultural industries.

Close vacation lands for Kings Mountain citizens are the Blue Ridge mountains and the many fine vacation retreats within a short drive of one, two, or three hours. Among them is Grandfather Mountain, second highest peak in the East, now accessible by road, and with Grandfather's nose and upper lip connected by a suspension bridge. Henderson Herndon and his family were at Grandfather for the Singing on the Mountain and report it an inspiring, if spine-tingling adventure. Young Brenda Henderson was sure she wasn't going to walk across the swinging bridge, but after a cautious first trip, crossed many more times with complete abandon. Henderson says the road up is quite steep and recommends low gear ascent. Grandfather is one of the few pinnacles in the Blue Ridge still privately owned, and Hugh Morton, of Wilmington and Linville, the owner, says he doesn't think the federal park service is too happy about that. He also expressed surprise to learn that Kings Mountain is still privately owned and asked me at the Lake Junaluska press convention to differentiate between Crowder's Mountain and Kings Mountain, both of which are easily visible from Grandfather on a clear day. Mr. Morton is also one of the state's top photographers, and unless I remember incorrectly, his photographed our two peaks from a vantage point atop Grandfather. This Western North Carolina scenic attraction

The Passing Scene by Irwin Caplan



"There's still nothing wrong with the old reflexes. Notice the neat way I avoided that jcker in the car back there?"

Viewpoints of Other Editors

KEEP CALM — AND COOL

Too hot for you? Well, there's not a lot you can do about the temperature outside. There is quite a bit you can do about yourself.

First, there are the artificial things. You can go to an air conditioned movie, or restaurant — or maybe the place you work in has a cooling unit. You can air condition your house, if you can afford it, or you can cool one room, like the living room or bedroom. (But don't seal the windows; it's awful to be all sealed up when the conditioner goes on the blink, as even the best of 'em occasionally do.)

Some of these fancy automobiles even have refrigeration units. You can drink ice water; it'll taste good, but won't lower your temperature much. You can go home and sit in the bathtub. Or you can go swimming, which is one of the best ideas.

But these are all more or less surface things that won't really be much help.

The best thing to do is calm down. Maybe you didn't like the way the primary came out; there'll be another one in two years. Maybe the baby has been bawling; the little one will quiet down in a minute. Maybe your boss gave you a hard time today; chances are he'll get over it and be fine the rest of the week. Maybe a combination of things is worrying you. If so, just sit down and think about some of the good things you have.

The best cure, for a hot day is a mind that's at peace — and maybe a cool front porch with a rocking chair. — Forest City Courier.

NO COMMENT

Two cases recently were tried in the Circuit Court of Prince Edward county. They were reported together in last week's Farmville Herald.

One of them involved Cleveland Anderson Williams, who was before the court on two charges of storebreaking, and two charges of attempted storebreaking. On a charge of breaking into the H. T. Jenkins Service Station and stealing a box of cigars and three cartons of cigarettes, to the value of \$10, Williams was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Other sentences, totaling nine years, to run concurrently with the 10-year sentence, were imposed on the other charges.

The case involved Willie Melvin Ingram, driver of an automobile that figured in an accident last November near Prospect. Mrs. Katherine Tucker Jones, of Roanoke, and an eight-year-old girl, Nancy Ann Olive, died in that accident.

The court found Ingram guilty of reckless driving, and driving under the influence of liquor. Ingram was sentenced to 10 days on the former charge, six months on the latter.

No comment. — Richmond, Va., News Leader.

tion is featured in the current edition of the Ford Magazine, together with color pictures and full information on routes to it.

Speaking of routes reminds that the big equipment is making great change in the landscape to the south of Kings Mountain, soon to become the U. S. Highway 29 by-pass. Big diesel "cats" are a far cry from the oldtime method of road-building when vast numbers of men labored in the broiling sun with equally vast numbers of mules and wagons to carve out new roadbeds. Of course, it's not any cooler in the seat of a tractor, but the saving in time and manpower must be astronomical.

SHOPPING IN WARSAW

On occasion do you feel aggrieved at the prices you must pay for foods and other commodities in our American retail stores?

If so, it would pay you to take a trip, in your imagination, to Warsaw and do some shopping under the communist system. In Warsaw, as everywhere behind the Iron Curtain, the stores are run by the government, and so are non-competitive in any sense of the word. According to the "Business Around the World" column of U. S. News & World Report, beef costs from \$3 to \$5 a pound in terms of U. S. money. Horse meat is \$1.50 a pound and coffee \$50! That last figure is particularly interesting in the light of the fact that there was a national uproar when the national drink passed \$1 a pound here.

In the manufactured goods field the situation is equally startling. Men's shoes are priced at \$231.25 a pair, a girl's sweater at \$187 and bathing trunks retail at \$85. One wonders what, if anything the Polish swimmers wear.

In any event, this is a pretty typical example of what inevitably happens when competitive free enterprise is outlawed and the state takes over.

How can any American think totalitarianism is the way to the more abundant life? — Lincoln County News

ACT PROMPTLY

The Superior courts of the state are far behind in their work, with an average of 300 cases on the civil and criminal dockets in each county.

The North Carolina Bar Association, in annual convention last week, was informed that the backlog of 30,000 cases for an increase in the number of judicial districts, which would require more judges and solicitors.

Enlightened leaders in the Legislature are calling on the General Assembly to enact the legislation necessary to improve the situation.

Our courts are founded on principles of justice, and this means reasonably quick action by the courts. To us, it appears that judges are too easy in granting delays, which often force compromises that do not resemble justice in any way.

The lawyers themselves have the responsibility in bringing about sorely needed changes in our court system, not only through their methods of practicing the law but also by using their influence to effect the changes which will enable the courts to function more efficiently.

The profession of law is not held in as high regard by the general public as it once was, and this may be attributed, in large measure, to the inefficiency with which the courts function.

We trust that the leaders in the profession will spare no effort to have the General Assembly pass needed legislation next spring, and that the rank and file of lawyers will give full support to these efforts. — Stanley News and Press

Handle Bull Sold To Mrs. Borders

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — Mrs. G. B. Borders, Shelby, N. C., has just purchased the young Quernsey sire, Finnacle View Prince's Elmer, from J. C. Randle, Kings Mountain, N. C. This young bull is out of the cow, Karat's Eleanor, and is sired by Hollinell Maxon Prince.

Two new strawberry varieties — Dixieland and Pochontias — have recently been introduced and recommended for trial planting in North Carolina.

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