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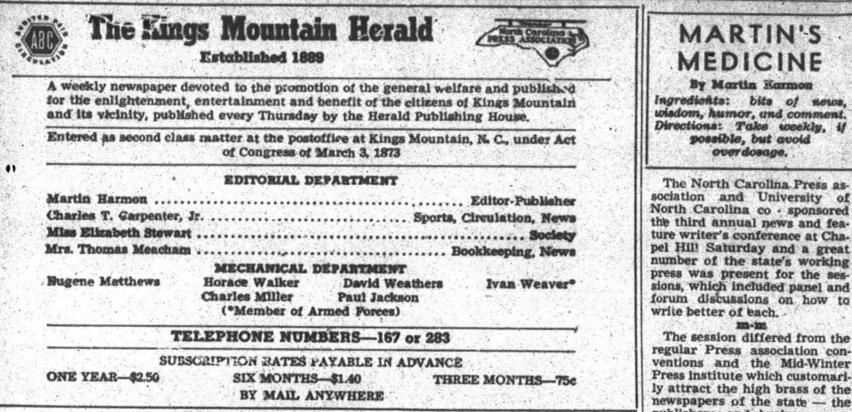


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! St. Matthew 18:7.

Water Crisis

Like the two great wars, Kings Moun-tain's 1953 and 1954 water crises could well bear the designations Water Crisis I and II, if we mark off the sequence prior to 1929.

The supply is at a very low level with estimated reserves - barring a great rainfall total — at less than a month's restricted supply, and the auxiliary sup-plies tapped for the first time last autumn have already been in service this year, when the drought seems even worse.

Thus the city board of commissioners was wise in the action to require water conservation. When there is a crsis, strong measures are required. The good of all is at stake, and it means that all should be saving in their water consumption.

The city administration made it a misdemeanor to use water for 1) car-washing, 2) watering of lawns, and flowers, 3) wetting - down of coal, and 4) any other unnecessary use-

There are many ways to save water in individual households merely by turning off the spigot during cooking, dishwashing, tooth brushing and similar operations, which would save a great amount of water in the aggregate.

The recurring crisis points anew to the city's long-term water problem, though, of course, the immediate dilemna is getting by until rains arrive in quantity.

With the consumption going ever upward, due to population increase, increased use by industry, and the spread of air-conditioning as a commercial and residential commodity, the shortage points anew to the basic inadequacy of Kings Mountain's present sources of water for five, ten and fifteen years hence.

The Herald has no intention to re-

Test Of Greatness

It is said the test of greatness is a person, community or nation's reaction to crisis.

In other word's, what will a man, a city, or a nation do when the pressure is on? Will he be weak and retreat, or strong and resolve the crisis favorably?

Kings Mountain has just had a community crisis and has met the test of greatness. The great out-pouring of Kings Mountain citizens, alarmed over the impending suspension of Kings Mountain and its surrounding area from the Red Cross blood program, was manifest evidence that the citizens of Kings Mountain retain quite well the basic character ingredients which first made this nation free and which have since made it grow in strength.

Fortunately or unfortunately, the average American has a tendency to put off doing today what can be done tomorrow. In the matter of blood giving, tomorrow came and the response-more than doubling at 345 pints the former one-day blood collection record of 164 --was amazing, wonderful, and inspiring-

There was only one untoward situation in the whole event, and that was the stated unwillingness and concurrent refusal of the Bloodmobile staff to work an hour extra and process the 25-50 people still awaiting processing at 5 p. m., the advertised closing time.

Complaints of the strong variety should be filed to the very top of the Red Cross national organization, if necessary, to change this situation. After all, the only people getting paid for their time during the Bloodmobile visit were those of the Bloodmobile regular staff. The many volunteers who aided the Bloodmobile staff received not one penny, the blood donors were giving both

write better of each. The session differed from the regular Press association conventions and the Mid-Winter Press institute which customarily attract the high brass of the newspapers of the state - the publishers and business managers, who keep a keen eye peeled, as they must, on the balance sheets, advertising content, and circulation figures. m-m The folk at Chapel Hill Saturday were the men and women - and the average age would be in the low area - who bring the bulk of the news to North Carolina citizens, either

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MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid

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The North Carolina Press association and University of

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via daily gazette, or weekly and semi-weekly journal. They are the folk in the slot, covering the beats, writing the headlines, digging up the feature material, writing the obituaries, covering the teas, speakings, meetings, and all the events close to the heart-beat of North Carolinians.

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There were young girls with husbands, young girls without husbands, young men still single and young men experiencing the newness of fatherhood, with just a sprinkling of some older folk about. Among them were Kays Gary, Charlotte Observer, once of the Shelby Daily Star, Jay Jenkins and Ray Lowery, also Star graduates and now of the Raleigh News & Observer, Julian Scheer, Charlotte News bright boy, and hosts of others.

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I sat next to Gary at the supper session (half a barbecued chicken, with delicious trimmings) and Kays' opinion is that the Jonas-Sedberry affair in the tenth congressional district will be a rather close donnybrook, with Jonas holding a slight edge as of now. And Jay Huskins, self-styled publisher-editor-errand boy of the Statesville Daily Record-Landmark, thought that Congressman Hugh Alexander (D) Jay says the main plea, of both is party-line, with Stevens run-

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Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE ROW PROVES THE LET'S CONSERVE WATER NEED FOR VOTING

MACHINES Election rows don't add streng. The longer these the streams and rivers are at a MACHINES th to democracy. The longer these rows are drawn out the more peo- low point. The Davidson river is ple are inclined to become dis said to be lower than it was last gusted with the ways of politics. year, when the county had one of There are legal rights involved, its dryest summers in history. of course. Sheriff Henry has his

in the current wrangling over recounts. But the deeper this controversy becomes imbedded in legal issues not easily grasped by laymen, the more the people become unsympathetic with both

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Here in Brevard the water supand former Sheriff Denning has ply at the present time is ample, his. And each has sympathizers ample, that is, if everybody will conserve. The mayor has asked that citizens refrain from washing cars,

watering lawns and gardens, etc. Brevard uses over a million gallons per day, and during dry will withstand the heavy on-slaught Bill Stevens (R) is making in the ninth district. Stevens in the ninth district is about the amount of the intake. If the dry weather should continue indefinitely, the

ish today the question of the advisability of utilizing the Davidson Creek source, except to remind that the stream is a small one and - in dry periods will furnish only a little water. Again, the question of water supply is one of source, not of dams and reservoirs, the latter being short run adjuncts to any water supply system. Perhaps the Davidson Creek reservoir, which will first come to major usefulness next summer, will justify its cost merely for use between 1955 and the year - which obviously can't be too far away - when the city embarks to Buffalo, or preferably Broad River, for a major source of supply to end for the foreseeable future these recurring water shortages which are not only inconvenient to all citizens but costly as well. The car-washing loss to service stations is no small item, and continuing dry weather could mean curtailment on some major payrolls which help to sustain the Kings Mountain economy.

The Bethware Community Fair opened yesterday and is hitting full stride today Pay a visit to the Bethware School · Grounds during the weekend, and support this community enterprise. Smart fair goers will make arrangements to have supper at the Bethware cafeteria, as those who have eaten some of the delicious food there will be quick to recall. Bethware Fair is a fine comnunity prelude to the annual Cleveland County Fair, opening next Tuesday; and our gaess is that many of the Bethware agricultural entries, covering Number 4 Township, will cop a full share of the honors at the county event.

The Wall Street Journal put a big headline on a news story last Friday reporting the first gain in unemployment compensation claims in several weeksquite natural, since many laid off employees had experienced the painful situation of having benefit periods expire. September 1 was a new eligible date in North Carolina, and, it is presumed, in other parts of the nation. In Kings Mountain, however, the claim-filing trend is down, signalling an upturn from the textile recession which began about to months ago.

time and blood, yet the paid staff exhibited the worse kind of clock-watching.

Meantime, however, much credit is due each of the 500 people who offered their blood, the many hard-working volunteers on the processing job, the local Red Cross blood program officials, and members of the Kiwanis club, who had accepted responsibility for recruitment in the emergency collection.

The city instituted Monday, at the behest of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, a new plan of handling the worrisome parking meter fine problem. The Nickel Courtesy plan, paid for by the merchants, has worked well in Smithfield and it should work here. The only revenue the city will lose - and the parking meter arrangement was designed not to produce revenue but to alleviate the continuing and unsolvable parking problem-is the total of dollar fines paid by frequently irate over-parking motorists. The new system is on trial for six months. And who wouldn't delightfully pay back the courtesy nickel (with bonus) to escape the onerous fine, plus time and trouble of the trip to City Hall?

It is right for one businessman to pay a privilege license if another does. Thus the city is right in making all citizens abide by the law. Of course, most privilege licenses are means of obtaining revenue only and hardly jibe with the doctrine of free enterprise. Why a person, partnership, or corporation should pay a license to do business is indeed a question in a nation which prides itself on the right of an individual to earn a living at any form of honorable employment or enterprise.

Mrs. E. K. McSwain, though primarily a Western Union employee, has been a most satisfactory operator of the Kings Mountain bus terminal. Her attention to customers -both telegraphic and transport- seeking - has been somewhat exceptional, and it is with a measure of regret that the time has come for her to. resume her duties as Belmont's Western Union operator, her filling in here being "temporary" from her first day.

bright chapter, DAR, met at the

home of Mrs. H. T. Fulton Wed-

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

Schools will open Monday mor- month of Cctober. ning at 8:30 after being delayed Social and Personal Misses Mary Ann Crouse and nesday afternoon. two weeks due to the polio epidemic.

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Helen Ramsey were hostesses at Mrs. Lloyd Watson and two Byron Keeter, Kings Mountain five tables of bridge and three children, of Boone, are visiting re merchant, has been named chair- tables of rook, entertaining at latives in Kings Mountain, man of the United War Fund for the Woman's Club last Wednes-Mrs. Evon Houser, of Dallas Number Four Township. The day night. drive will be conducted during the The Colonel Frederick Ham. Mrs. W. K. Mauney. has been visiting at the home of

theme, and Alexander on the plea that the Democrats need him to be able to organize the House via a Democratic majority. Since both are favorite's of industrialists prominent in the district,, Jay figures their votes on matters in the upcoming Congress would differ only on the initial vote to organize the House.

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m-m But the meeting's piece de resistance, outside of the conversational shoptalk, was the Saturday night address of James H. Street, the author and short story writer, who delighted the working newsfolk with interesting anecdotes out of a long background of newspapering and writing. Street, who went to work for the Arkansas Gazette when he was 14, and who subsequently was a shorttime Baptist minister, got his big break, he said, from an against-orders feature he did in the late twenties. A mid-west railroad was abandoning a 60year-old run from Memphis to New Orleans, a train Street had watched pass all his boyhood. The feature attracted the attention of the Associated Press boss, and he was made. A short time later, another feature took him to William Randolph. Hearst, where he was well-paid but quit on the Journalist's code of honor. He couldn't stomach the Hearst

editing and taboos.

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tions on feature writing were:

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the only river or creek en route

that seemed to be up to normal levels......Hugh Morton, the Grandfather Mountain owner-

promoter - secretary - clerk, reported a good season. He also

consumed an interesting break fast Sunday morning, including eggs and bacon (eaten first be-

cause he likes eggs hot), cante-loupe, cereal, blueberry mut-fins and loed coffee......Miri-

am Rabb, of the State News

Among the Street sugges-

But the bald reality is that public opinion looks upon the Henry-Denning squabble with increasing disgust, not being convinced that either side has its cause clothed in sanctity. The Herald doesn't intend to take a stand editorially for either

Denning. But we do have a pair lightful afternoon with Mrs. of hopes to express. Hope No. 1 is simply that jus-tice will prevail — speedily — as this election dispute moves tess." Wishing to do our good

easibility of using voting machines in the elections of future

eturns.

sheriff, As things are, the folks of us, are beginning to wonder if we

HOW TO BECOME A PUBLIC SPEAKER

Or should courses in public speak-ing be required in schools?

platform manners; also, he cites feet." the case of one of his county's The one course we'd like to see

Bureau, was bragging on the '54 performance of "Sword of Gideon", and, regretting the Military park is in South Carolina, was interested in the folk-lore which holds that the line is crooked because the surveyors pped it in the direction of the nearest hooch still

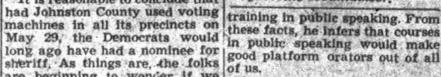
of a fire. deserve protection, and no doubt For the protection of our town each feels that his is a fight to uphold the integrity of elections, and the general welfare of our citizenry, let's use that water sparingly at all times, and remember, a leaky faucet can waste hundreds of gallons in no time at all .- Transylvania Times.

PERFECT HOSTESS

A lady was telling us recently Sheriff Henry or former Sheriff that she had spent a most de-Abee, "I can't remember when I

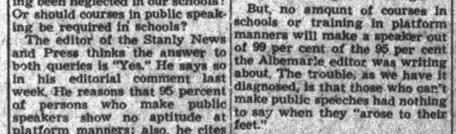
through the courts. Hope No. 2 is that the people of the county, spurred by their impatience with the on - and - on wrangling, will demand that the county explore without delay the feasibility of using voting may terruption, my guest talked about herself and her possessions

years. As long as human beings all of which were at a 100 per cent are involved in elections, dishon-est elections will remain possible, But voting machines, where they have been tried, have reduced the "My dear, every time I thought opportunities for dishonesty by I couldn't take one more sentence, eliminating the chance of stuff- I forced myself to remember that ing ballot boxes, and by doing the first duty to a guest was to away with the "long count" and see that they were enjoying them-the accompanying confusion in selves." She hesitated and then the tabulation and reporting of with a smile said: "Well, I guess I was successful." It is reasonable to conclude that Waynesville Mountaineer.



are beginning to wonder if we will have a nominee declared in time for the fast-approaching No-vember election. — Smithfield Herald. the platform art. Also, from what we know about 4-H clubbers and

their activities, we'd say his fel fow Stanly Countian earned all-Has training for public speak, ing been neglected in our schools?



4-H youngsters winning speaking offered — in school, at college, in political organizations, at Rocause the young man had taken tary or Kiwanis or Llons club meetings, at conventions, and sometimes even in church one denying the privileges of the floor to any person who has noth-ing worth saying; and to those who have the sense to stop talk-ing and sit down when the facts have run out, we would give sum-ma cum laude honors. — Hertford County Herald

Look for features in the so-called straight news and make features out of the future rather than the historic past. He also advised the working press to concentrate less on money and more on the story. Trip notes: By-passes are wonderful, it now being possible to make the Chapel Hill trek

with only Gastonia and Charlotte intervening, on a good road (take U. S. 49 to Asheboro) all the way the trip was also good for a car wash, Chapel Hill having no shortage but the Catawba was