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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

My son, despite not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction. Proverbs 3:11.

Empty Stocking

Hungry children are tragic at any time. The Christmas season makes their plight even more pitiful!

Kings Mountain's Empty Stocking Fund, an Operation Santa Claus effort, has provided Christmas cheer to more than 300 families during the past two years the Kings Mountain Ministers Association has conducted the appeal for the indigent.

Last year's Empty Stocking Fund helped 214 families and a total of \$2179 was donated by Kings Mountain area citizens to provide staple items, fuel and Christmas toys for the less fortunate.

Kings Mountain ministers launched the project last weekend and it will be continued through Christmas Eve.

It's a worthy project to assure a merrier Christmas to all.

Christmas Is Near

Where did the last 11 months go?

The question is applicable to all but the youngsters, who, traditionally, know that Christmas will never come.

But Christmas is near, and the postman, merchant and others will be reminding each and all to attend to Christmas business early.

With only 23 days 'til Christmas, it's a little late for "shop early" advice. Most of us will be hurriedly finishing the chores on Christmas Eve.

Brr! 'Tis Chilly In Sunny South

Old Man Winter made his presence very well known in the Piedmont Carolinas the past few days.

Temperatures dropped to a bitter 23 Tuesday night.

Now the weather forecasters are saying that new masses of cold air will hold the readings in the low 20's for the next 48 hours.

There's no doubt about it. Winter has finally caught up with us.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Campbell and Mrs. Jean Harlowe DeHart, Kings Mountain students, recently tapped for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" at Western Carolina college and the University of Tennessee.

A hearty welcome to Rev. David L. Castor, who delivers his first sermon Sunday as minister of Resurrection Lutheran church. Mr. Castor comes to Kings Mountain from Philadelphia Lutheran church of Granite Falls.

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN



What is it like to break the sound barrier, I asked the man who should know. He is Colonel Charles E. Yeager of the United States Air Force who was in town to make a speech and who was the first human to break the sound barrier. "Well, I'll tell you this much," the slender, decorated officer replied with a boyish grin, "it's not as hard as making a speech! That is the kind of 'sound barrier' I really dread." Of course the historic achievement was a difficult thing to approach, Colonel Yeager admitted. But now he is so accustomed to flying planes at over 1,000 miles an hour, it is much like driving an automobile, he added, and in some cases is safer.

to have faith in his "hardware" as he referred to it, but in God whom the officer believes watch over him even high in the firmament. In 1956, the experimental plane, X-1 had been preliminarily checked out by civilian test pilots who were also offered a bonus of \$150,000 to fly it at full speed. But no qualified civilian pilot was willing to take the offer. Then some one remarked, "It was significant that Chuck Yeager took the job in line of duty for a captain's salary which was \$511,500 a month and that included flying pay and extras."

Colonel Yeager told me that before planes were constructed especially for breaking the speed of sound, pilots would lose control of them as the craft approached the necessary speed. "They would shake like a car going over a corduroy road," he said. "But when we got the proper tail mechanism, we could handle them easily."

Between 1949 and 1953, the courageous colonel flew more than forty test flights in the Bell

XS-1, exceeding 1,000 miles an hour and being at times, 70,000 feet high. At one time, he flew two and one-half times the speed of sound. When asked how it felt to be shooting at other men, Colonel Yeager replied, "I can realize that this is a timely question, now with people being killed in Vietnam. But we must remember that this is war and here is very little that is nice about it. We who are in the military service are trained to fight to the limit, to try to destroy our enemies who are the enemies of our country. So as hard as it may sound, I can only say that with such training, killing becomes automatic."

He agreed that his speed is a far cry from the first flight made by the Wright brothers 62 years ago at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, when they pioneered with 852 feet in 59 seconds. But that took courage too. Once, Colonel Yeager related, when he pushed the button to bail out, the seat of the plane was also ejected and struck him as it flew out, setting his uniform on fire.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and common sense. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

I am not known, nor would claim to be, a "clean desk" man, making it imperative that none lend a hand at cleaning or clearing it. I would be lost. There are some benefits and disbenefits. Some matters which properly should be handled with some measure of dispatch do not get proper nor timely treatment. Conversely, some matters remain undercover until they no longer matter and conveniently can be assigned to the large green wastebasket aptly named by the services as "File 13".

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Uncovered last weekend, however, was the sports page of the Hickory Daily Record of August 21 which, along with news of the day such as the Twins and Angels halving a double-header, Mike Souchak leading a golfing tourney, and the bowling round-up, carried an item of history of interest to Kings Mountain citizens.

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The item: a picture of the Hickory Tennis Club of the Gay Nineties (about 1897) forwarded by Publisher L. C. Gifford at the instance of E. W. Neal, friend and kinsman, now of Hickory. How the ladies played in those long skirts, broad-brimmed hats, and fulsome blouses with leg-o-button sleeves taxes the imagination of the moderns who, incidentally, could glance left three columns and see the likeness of Billie Jean Moffitt, at the moment defending her title in the Women's Tennis Invitational tournament. If not Bikini-shorts, Miss Billie's were certainly short-shorts, and her blouse merely hinted at having a sleeve.

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And it would appear the high stiff collars the men of 1897 wore, tie - accompanied, would have garrotted quickly he who chased a sizzling serve or cross-court drive.

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Two members of the club were subsequently Kings Mountain citizens—the late Arthur Hay, Kings Mountain insurance man, and his late sister Errol, later the wife of Kings Mountain physician Dr. S. A. Lowery.

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There has been another recent brush with history, made and, it is hoped, in the making.

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Maxwell H. Thompson, visiting his sister Mrs. Alex Owens, paid call to relate his work as non-paid promoter for a \$20 million national monument to Andrew Jackson, hero of the Battle of New Orleans and President of the United States.

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The location proposal for the national memorial to the fiery Jackson is/won't be pleasing to Dehard North and South Carolinians who have warred for years over the question: was Andrew Jackson born just north of the border or just south of the border? The proposed location of the national monument is to bisect the state lines of North and South Carolina and connectively the county lines of Tar Heel Union county and Sand-lapper Lancaster county.

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This proposal has been advanced by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The site, without limitation on needed acreage, has been tendered as a gift by Henderson Belk of the Belk's stores organization. Mr. Thompson says provision of the site is pre-requisite to favorable by the Congress.

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Target date for fruition of the project is March 15, 1967, the 200th anniversary of Jackson's birth.

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Mr. Thompson lives in northern Lancaster County at Van Wyck and is quick to acknowledge that his promotional efforts are not popular with some of his South Carolina neighbors who contend Old Andy never set foot in North Carolina, let alone let himself be born there. Dehard North Carolinians shout as much.

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On his visit to the Herald, Mr. Thompson had more than history projects to accompany him.

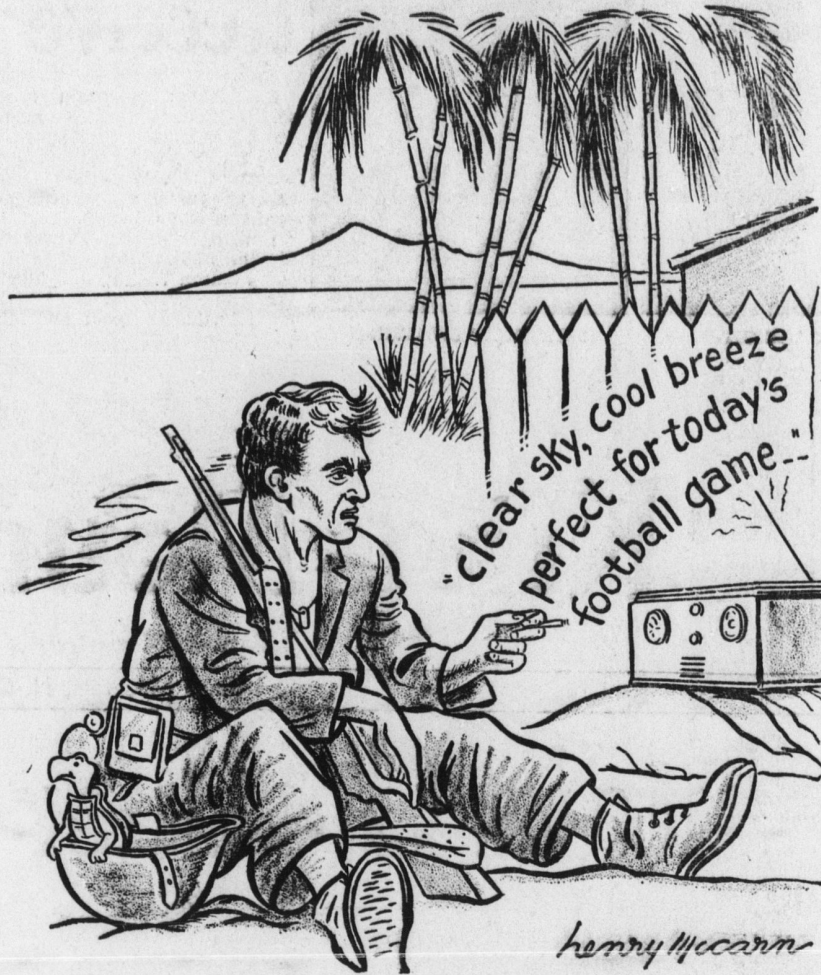
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I also had the pleasure of meeting his two nieces, Kathryn and Margaret Owens, Alex's daughters, and their cousin, Karla, Richard Owens's granddaughter, three pretty girls and, no, they had no objections to having their names in the paper.

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Done, this date.

Somewhere in Vietnam



Henry McCann

Viewpoints of Other Editors

OF CONCERN

Here is a disturbing statement to think about: "What we're supposed to learn in school doesn't have anything to do with things that concern us." That sentence is a composite of many teen-agers' remarks about school. It was included in a Midwest report on school curriculums for deprived areas. It sums up, better than many previous attempts, the heart of the dropout problem.

Shakespeare's lyric Elizabethan language may have little meaning for a 16-year-old who has never owned a book. Algebra is important, but it may well rate zero with a youth whose unknown quantity at home is his father. Yet these and other traditional parts of the academic curriculum are still being thrust at many reluctant students. It is not surprising that some of the pupils do not relate to them. Nor is it surprising that many such pupils, bewildered or irritated by a sense of irrelevancy, drop out of school.

Being realistic about school subjects and the way they are taught does not mean that the more advanced classes have to be downgraded. More and more educators are recognizing, however, that curriculums should be better adapted to the particular type of student in each school. What is right for a well-to-do suburb may not be practicable in a slum area.

The reluctant student should be taught mainly within his frame of reference, though some effort must of course be made to expand his horizons. He may not receive an ideal education, but it will be a great deal better than the one he would be getting as a dropout. — Turlock (Calif.) Daily Journal

FALLS GENEROUS ENCORE

We feel for the Purdue University weatherman who recently tried to make a statistical study of Indian summer weather and found that it eluded him. After drawing graphs of temperature variations of three recent Indian summers, L. A. Schaal, this weather expert, confessed he couldn't answer the often-asked question: "Just what is Indian summer?"

There is, indeed, no statistical way of measuring its lovely characteristics. Who can chart the soft mists at the horizon, the dreamy, relaxed atmosphere, the shimmer in the warm air?

Everyone knows it is a period of mild weather that comes with winter's cold already at the threshold. But no authority gives its exact dates. It usually comes in October or November, they say, but it can happen in late September or early December.

Even the origin of its name is vague. There are several theories, all involving Indians and early American colonists. The name seems to be an Americanism, and it did first appear in print in this country when George Washington was President. But by 1830 it had migrated to Canada and England and had become accepted British English.

"To write in praise of Indian summer is now a literary convention of three continents," writes one authority, giving Americans something to boast of. Who would flout so pleasant a tradition? We add our word of praise for this season of gentle sunshine, blue skies, and warmth after the arrival of chill winds — fall's ever-surprising, generous encore.

The Christian Science Monitor

CRIME AND ATONEMENT

The South continues to be a region of contrasts, and of rough but steady progress. In Charlotte, N. C., night bombers struck the homes of four Negro civil rights leaders. They and their families might have been killed; luckily, they escaped injury.

Unlike many of the Alabama and Mississippi bombings, however, these brought an immediate outcry from the white community. Not only were the crimes denounced while state and city officials sought the culprits, but white civic leaders launched an "operation re-building" drive to raise funds for repair. And the response has been heartening.

Charlotte is a progressive city; and, until the bombings, its race relations had been largely peaceful. Apparently, Charlotte's leaders are determined to keep it that way, whatever crimes may be committed by mindless rabble. And this is increasingly the pattern in an area becoming impatient with those who interpret the "Southern way of life" as a license for brutality.

New York Herald Tribune

SAVE OUR HERITAGE

Contrary to the practice in other nations, government at all levels has done little to preserve historic and architectural landmarks in the United States. Too long has laissez faire been the rule here. As a result many precious relics along with not a few perfectly serviceable structures have been destroyed. Private efforts at preservation have succeeded on occasion, but soaring real estate values and Americans' strange insensitivity to their heritage usually have proven insurmountable barriers.

Collective action may be forthcoming, however. With a grant from the Ford Foundation, the U. S. Conference of Mayors and Federal officials have joined together for a study that is intended to result in recommendations for national and local historic preservation legislation as well as methods for funding preservation efforts. The study, which is to be published in January, could well become one of this Nation's most important historic documents.

The Washington Post

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people and events taken from the 195 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The Kings Mountain Merchants Association was busy this week completing plans for the Dec. 8 Christmas parade, which officials report, should be Kings Mountain's "biggest and best ever."

Kings Mountain citizens are being urged to contribute their blood to the Red Cross area blood bank when the bloodmobile returns here for a one-day visit.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. Myers Hambricht entertained Saturday night at her home at a party giving complimentary to Miss Laura Lane Morris, bride-elect.

Miss Joyce Biser entertained last Wednesday at her on Gold Street at bridge honoring Miss Janice Allen, bride-elect.

Club Night will be held at Kings Mountain Country Club Saturday night.

Marry-Young Typical Pattern In America

One out of two brides this year will be under 20. The same ratio will end up in separation of divorce, according to Changing Times reporting on "What happens to teenage marriages?"

The chance of success for a teen-age marriage in the U. S. is about a third as good as for marriages of those in their twenties. The fact is that today more girls marry at age 18 than at any other age and this tendency to marry young is one that is peculiar to the United States.

It's not just the women either; nearly half of all American young men are married by the time they are 25, compared with only a quarter in most of Europe and as few as a tenth in Norway and Ireland. Only in Asia do you find a marry-young pattern comparable to that of the U. S.

Interested in improving the chance of success of thousands of marrying teens, Changing Times offers these guidelines:

The young married — particularly the groom — must understand the necessity of completing high school, and, if possible, going on to college or other advanced training.

More needs to be done to help teen-agers understand what marriage entails — realistic education on what marriage is like, what obstacles must be overcome, why money must be earned, why help is needed for married couples in trouble in family counseling, baby care, supplementary education, and general encouragement in making the best of the situation.

And, parents must not cringe at prospects of a teen-age crisis. Wise parents can accept what is and give every support they can.

Farmers Okay Cotton Quota

Cleveland County cotton farmers voted overwhelmingly in favor of the cotton marketing referendum Tuesday, according to Ralph Harrill, manager of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Shelby.

Out of a total of 439 voting in the county, only six voted against the referendum, with 433 voting in favor of it, Harrill said.

Mr. Harrill noted that since the marketing quota was approved nationwide there will be a new cotton assessments referendum which will authorize cotton growers to hold out 15 cents per bale to be sent to the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association. The money will be used for research, legislation, or whatever purpose the association sees fit, if it is for the benefit of North Carolina cotton growers, Harrill added.

Bowen Assigned To 2nd Armored

FORT HOOD, TEX. (AHTNC) —Army Pvt. Charles M. Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bowen, 405 Parker St., Kings Mountain, N. C., was assigned to the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood, Tex., Nov. 18.

Bowen, 17, attended Kings Mountain High School.

the exchequer, appeared at the National Press Club in Washington the other day and the inevitable question came up: "Why do you have balance of payments problems now, when you didn't have them 50 years ago?"

Callaghan's reply: "There were no balance of payments problems 50 years ago because there were no balance of payments statistics."

A foolish question deserves a devastatingly clever answer.

Milwaukee Journal

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