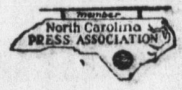




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. St. Luke 2:10.

### Benefits Of Debt

W. E. Easterling, secretary to the North Carolina Local Government commission, is one of the state's most able public officials.

Since the commission was created, Mr. Easterling declares, North Carolina would be a horse-and-buggy state, he infers, were it not for the fact of borrowing for major improvements.

Mr. Easterling's retention of detail is amazing.

A few years ago, when the city was planning to call before maturity date its natural gas system bonds, there was question in the minds of some officials about certain of the requirements. This newspaper called on Mr. Easterling, who was most busy, but spared a moment anyway. When the question was directed, Mr. Easterling did not send a secretary to the filing cabinet. He recalled from memory that the particular item was not in the prospectus but was contained in the text of the bonds.

Many persons are dedicated, both personally and government-wise, to pay-as-you-go, which is fine in theory, but less fine in principle.

It would not be fair, for instance, for today's citizens to pay all the cost of the more than a million dollars required to effectuate sewage system improvements which are going to be used and considered to be adequate for the next two decades.

Conversely, the Herald has long held the theory that any facility which cannot be paid for in 20 years can be ill afforded.

The city is working with Mr. Easterling at the moment on the aforementioned sewage system financing.

Under the law, bond issue financing is restricted to a percentage of the governmental unit's taxable value.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Easterling has never given a flat "no" to any bond issue request.

"We don't have to do that. You can just show them. If it is excessive they'll back off themselves," Mr. Easterling was quoted as saying.

That's a high compliment to the many elected local government officials throughout the state.

### Somerset Maugham

Death has come to Somerset Maugham, great and prodigious author, at the age of 91. He was born January 25, 1874, a month before Kings Mountain was incorporated as a town.

Maugham deprecated his own prowess by saying he merely wrote for money, but his reading public did not agree, meantime making the author a quite wealthy man.

Among his many finely-spun novels were "Of Human Bondage", "Miss Thompson", made famous on film by Joan Crawford as "Rain" and subsequently by Rita Hayworth, and "Christmas Holiday". Maugham was an expert at giving his tales strange and unusual twists. In "Christmas Holiday", a story set in Britain in World War II, the serviceman hero fell in love with a German girl who, he learned too late, was an enemy spy. Even though he loved her, he shot her.

While his personal life made Maugham unsavory to some, he professing to be an atheist and at one time becoming completely estranged with his daughter, few failed to acclaim his tale-weaving quality.

It is said that most authors have only one really fine novel in their repertoire. Herman Wouk can claim four.

Somerset Maugham can claim more than 20, not to mention plays and short stories.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

One of the problems of the publishing business are the quantities of waste paper generated.

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Thus after some eleven years of embarrassment at having Herald waste paper blow into its neighbors doors and backyards, we looked with pleasure at occupying this building which included, among other facilities, an incinerator, for which a modest treasure had been spent. No longer would we be a bad neighbor!

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Alas, the best laid plans of mice and men go awry.

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A new problem was generated, with charred black ash replacing plain paper.

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The problem peaked last Thursday. It was a rainy day and the ash adhered to damp cars. A lady, otherwise unidentified, complained to Mayor John Henry Moss as did our mechanic neighbor and trouble shooter Glenn Grigg. I don't blame them. Henceforth, the Herald is going to make use of the city's daily trash collection service. If that fails, to do the job, we'll try something else. We don't anticipate resuming burning our waste paper. Our friend Grigg reported he had washed six cars, in for repair jobs, before returning them to their owners.

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I had the pleasure of meeting recently Mrs. Claire Brown, wife of Dion Brown who is with the Burger Barn operation. When she related that she is native to Cape Cod, Mass., I told her I spent several months in Boston in 1943. I also related that I had a shipmate from Boston named Bill Donovan, who was a good friend of the family of the late Mayor and Congressman Jim Curley, the fabled Irish politician. Two of the Curley boys, also navy ensigns, had visited Bill aboard our ship and I had met them at the time. Donovan died in an accident at Gibraltar and it is my understanding that both the Curley boys were killed.

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Mrs. Brown had not known Donovan but had known the Curley boys. "Mayor Curley was my uncle," she remarked.

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Father Hill, the new priest at Christ the King Catholic church, and I were chatting recently. I remarked that my Great-Grandfather Falls had once occupied the house which is now the Catholic manse. "He can have it back," Father Hill quipped. I told him I understand it gets a bit drafty during cold seasons.

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When my wife attended the Reis-Burke nuptials Saturday morning, it was the first time she had attended a Catholic wedding. Not sure of what she was supposed to do, she decided to watch Rev. Bob Haden, the Episcopal rector and follow his lead. It worked quite well, she said. She reported the service most impressive.

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Afterward, at the reception, she was surprised to find Frank Pridemore serving cake. Mrs. Pridemore, like Anne, was a non-working guest. Frank served like a professional, Anne adds.

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Christmas from another religion comes via Christmas card from James K. Kyzer, better known as Kay Kyzer, the former band leader. Mr. Kyzer lives in Chapel Hill and devotes time to advancing the Christian Science movement via the Christian Science committee on publication for North Carolina. The card reminds that Mrs. Kyzer, the former vocalist Georgia Carroll, and the former Eleanor Myers, were across the hall neighbors at Durham's Watts hospital, when both were having their first children.

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The message "It Is Christmas" was written by Dorothy Chase Adams and appeared first in the Christian Science Sentinel, December 20, 1952. It reads: Did love speak to you today In some new glorious way? Then it is Christmas. Did faith move in upon the scene Where doubt and darkness once had been? Then it is Christmas. Did hope replace a nagging fear Or sadness yield its place to cheer? Then it is Christmas. And when you know God's love for you Is just the same the whole year through Each day is Christmas.

Observance of the rules of the road should be practiced 365 days per year and 366 in leap years, but, at the Christmas season, with unusually heavy traffic, driving by the rules is even more important. Persons traveling should start early and remember that many accidents occur because drivers get impatient and forget plain, old-fashioned courtesy.

## The Light Still Shines



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN III: 16

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Day a soldier in Vietnam, dirty with jungle mud and blood, will tear open a letter from home. For a few moments he will forget his boneaching fatigue, remembering boyhood days with his family and the excitement of getting and giving gifts.

The sour-sweet smell of barracks and the dank, green odor of jungle camps will be replaced by the smell of white sheets on the old bed at home on Christmas Eve, the pungence of Christmas trees and the aroma of food from mother's kitchen. The illusion will be gone even before the letter is finished and that soldier will long for peace, more than you or I who have never lived on a battlefield can ever long for peace, and he may weep for a meaning that has gone out of his life.

As long as that soldier feels joy from no more than the reading of a letter on a battlefield, or has hope expressed as a longing for peace, or repents through tears for lost meaning, we know that God is alive. (From Kerygma Features — a service of the Division of Overseas Ministries, National Council of the Churches of Christ, U. S.)

### THE RELEVANCE OF GOD

The Christian world, long challenged from without, has now been challenged from within, as to the relevance and meaningfulness of the concept of God. The so-called "new" or "radical" theologians have questioned the knowability and the very existence of God.

In effect, these theologians are voicing — each with his own special emphasis — something akin to Friedrich Nietzsche's 19th-century pronouncement that "God is dead." Without accepting in the least such a conclusion, one can appreciate the searching appraisal which leads to these challenging questions.

The secularizing trends of the modern world run deep. The churches themselves are by no means immune, as this recent development in theology attests. But even while secularism has flourished, developments in Christian thought have brought, for many, considerably greater depth, breadth, and spiritual content to the concept of God.

During the last hundred years the concept of a personal God, in the sense of a Deity in the image of human personality, has lost its hold on much of Christendom. This change may be traced in the thought of certain noted Christian theologians of the period, such as the late Paul Tillich, to whom God was "the infinite and inexhaustible depth and ground of all being." It may be seen in reappraisals of Christian thought such as that undertaken by John A. T. Robinson, Bishop of Woolwich, in his work "Honest to God."

Although the past century has witnessed a veritable revolution in the people's concept of God, it is, from one point of view, but a small beginning. Many Christians affirm they have never been able to develop a satisfying sense of Deity. They say they have never felt the presence of God.

Against this must be set the empirical fact that not a few Christians today attest to experiencing unmistakably in their own lives the presence, power, and love of God. They also have a satisfying concept of Deity

### SOME THINGS DON'T FLY BACK TO THE ROCK

You know the old legend about Blowing Rock . . . Throw something over it, and the wind is supposed to blow it back to you.

How does it work? Well . . . fairly well. But below the rock, you lean over and look down instead of out across at the mountains, you'll see one of the biggest litterbugging messes around. Handkerchiefs, envelopes, film boxes, pieces of newspaper, Kleenex and things that were returned on schedule.

Some fools have even thrown beer bottles over.

Maybe they thought they'd come back refilled.—Roy Thompson, Journal-Sentinel

### IF CIVILIZATION WILL NOT DEFEND ITSELF

...Surely it is immoral to have majority rule if the consequences of it are to create a worse government and far worse conditions than exist where governments are elected by the civilized.

One felt a great sympathy for the Rhodesian White, who, when questioned on British television about the paltry percentage of Blacks who had exercised the vote which they had been given, said: "Well, of course, the vote is something strange to them. They can't kill it. They can't eat it and people must realize that it is not only protection for the Whites that is being sought, but protection for civilization."

If the civilized world is not willing to protect itself it can hardly expect the uncivilized to do so.—Martin Johnson, South African Financial Gazette.

which they find increasingly meaningful and relevant to daily experience.

We know many individuals who—out of deep conviction based on their own experience—would reply to the assertion that "God is dead," in the words of Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Whether one gains a positive sense of the presence of God depends upon the way in which he searches. Referring to prayer, Mary Baker Eddy, the Founder of this newspaper, has said, "It makes new and scientific discoveries of God, of His goodness and power. It shows us more clearly than we saw before, what we already have and are; and most of all, it shows us what God is."

The Christian Science Monitor

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people an events taken from the 1955 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Ernest V. Horvath, president of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, reported last Friday morning completion of the transaction whereby Horvath Textile Interests acquired the operating facilities of Neisler Mills, Inc. St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold two special Christmas services this weekend.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL  
Forty children attended the Margrace Woman's club's annual Christmas party Saturday afternoon at the Margrace clubhouse.

## Four Films Are Available

Four films made by the North Carolina Film Board are now available to adult groups from the local public library.

BIG FISH, LITTLE FISH shows the progress and problems of the coastal fishing industry in North Carolina.

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE promotes the consolidation of public schools and shows the educational benefits derived from a consolidated school.

WHY WE KILL is an unusual approach to the problem of highway safety.

FOOD AND THE FUTURE promotes the development of the food processing industry in North Carolina and shows the type farming necessary to support it.

These films are recent additions to the North Carolina Adult Film Project—a collection of 16mm films owned by all public libraries of North Carolina. H. V. Anderson, director of the project, suggests that requests for any of these films be made at your public library at least two weeks prior to the time they will be used. These films are not available for use in the public schools. This is a free public library service.

those who praise them. Be polite. If you are, others will be polite to you. Be helpful. That is the first definition of success. Be cheerful. There are enough crepe-hangers around. Don't be envious. It is better to assume that what the other fellow does, you can do as well or better." These are good thoughts for the holidays. Others are: you can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in a people that you can in two years trying to get other people interested in you. Nearly all revolts involve hate.

On the heights of New York University overlooking a battlefield of the American Revolution, stands the impressive Hall of Fame. It is a graceful, curving colonnade 630 feet long and open to the air like a Greek temple. It is interesting to note that one of those enshrined there is Robert E. Lee, a Southerner who rose above sectionalism in his integrity and nobility. Lee married the great-granddaughter of Martha Washington whose husband defeated the British. But not at this battlefield. In the autumn of 1776, the redcoats stationed here captured Fort Washington nearby which was named after George. Henry M. MacCracken, NYU Chancellor and founder of the Hall of Fame had this to say: "Lost to the invaders of 1776, this summit is now retaken by the goodly troop of 'Great Americans', General Washington their leader. They enter into possession of these Heights and are destined to hold them, we trust, forever."

An organization devoted to preventing blindness says that needless eye accidents will spoil the fun of 12,000 American children during the holidays ahead. Some of these are caused by toys of the missile type, dart guns, sharp edges and plastics that shatter. Be especially careful about the Christmas tree, the spokesman added, keep it in water, away from heat, spray it with a preventive, check electrical wiring and never use candles for it.

Office parties here are not being held in offices as much as they were because time and money is saved by having them in hotels and restaurants, it is reported. "Also," states a hotel manager, "there is less partying, there is a definite ending time and phone rings at the office are not answered by some wing wag who misrepresents the firm."

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