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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. (St. Matthew 4:20)

William Kemp Mauney

The passing on January 2 of William Kemp Mauney, at the age of 81, removed from Kings Mountain one of its true strong men of the twentieth century.

He was a patient in a nursing home for more than three years and in poor health sometime before, but in his very, very active years before he made a foremost impact on virtually every phase of Kings Mountain life, industrial, commercial, political and religious.

His energy and will to work was legend. A former employee remarked he had seen him at work at the Bonnie Mill office at 3 o'clock in the morning many times. A then out-of-town teacher resident remembers him pruning the shrubs at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library (also housing teachers) and another citizen recalls he answered the teachers' complaints about poor heat there by stoking the furnace himself.

When it came down to work, Mr. Mauney showed the way. Mr. Mauney was for several years the Kings Mountain Ford dealer. One older citizen remembered a group making a trek to Detroit to drive back Model T's. One of the drivers fell afoul of the law, was fined for speeding at some hamlet in West Virginia.

The Herald has some outstanding memories of Mr. Mauney, among them:

1) His dissertation on his first adventure into the textile industry. He had bought the former Mason Mill in 1928. When a profit of \$40,000 was logged that first year, ex-Ford dealer Mauney "knew" he had reached financial heaven. The next year, of course, was 1929. Mr. Mauney said, "By 1931 I had mortgaged everything I had, including my home." He added he wasn't yet sure (in 1957) how he had survived

Democratic Gains

Membership in the 170-member North Carolina General Assembly, which convened Wednesday shows 13 less Republicans and, conversely 13 more Democrats, than did the 1969 session.

In the Senate this session are 43 Democrats, seven Republicans, a net change of five, and in the House 97 Democrats, 23 Republicans, a net change of six.

It has sometimes been true in the past that Governors have difficulty with their second legislatures. Sightings are on the next election for governor and the incumbent sometimes suffers. It may not obtain in this session, as it did not for Governors Dan Moore, Terry Sanford or Luther Hodges and, of course, it may be averred that Governor Bob Scott had sufficient difficulties, particularly with his taxing ideas, with his first Assembly in 1969. Withal, Governor Scott (a la Sanford) came out with what he wanted, if not in the way he wanted it.

Point of the Democratic gains in the 1970 elections, other than the obvious one that North Carolina followed national trends in its state-house races, is that a Republican governor in this state would be in much potential trouble with the heavy anti-party majority, even of 1969.

Responsible Democrats would seek a rapport, but others and likely enough of them, would hardly forswear partisan politics and gut a GOP governor's program, highly unfortunate for the governor himself, but much moreso for the five million plus people of North Carolina.

The Nixon Administration, as is said in fiboral parlance, appears to be reversing its field on the economic grid-iron. The 20 percent depreciation provision is a carrot to industry to buy new equipment and is a leaf out of the Kennedy Administration book, which called its plan a tax investment credit. All one and the same. The economy was sagging when Kennedy took office. It is sagging today, two years after Nixon took office, and set out to make it sag.

bankruptcy.

2) His explanation of what is required to raise \$100,000. "So many at \$5000, so many at \$1000, so many at \$500—and a great, great number at \$100." It concerned the corporation charter of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc. The stock salesmen learned how true. Most diligent produced \$22,800, some of it supplies and labor on the present Mr. Sweet building.

3) His wistful regret on the results of plant modernization. By modernizing with up-dated equipment, Mauney Mills had eked out a profit in a difficult year. "Everytime we modernize," he said sadly, "we have to release some people. But if we don't modernize, none of us will be there."

Mr. Mauney knew tragedy, among the greatest the death of his son Ernest, with his twin brother Miles duo-pianist concert artists, at an early age, a victim of leukemia.

Mr. Mauney's political heft dominated Kings Mountain city politics for well over 30 years, when he served as mayor and city commissioner, and for years after he left public office. He was a stern competitor who gave no quarter and asked none.

His benefactions are legend, to St. Matthew's Lutheran church, to worthy but poor young people needing a college education, and to Lenoir-Rhyne college, his alma mater, Class of 1910. The most major gift, inspired by him and provided by him and his immediate family, was the Mauney Music building, a functional and artistic work of art, which cost in excess of \$500,000.

No great number can meet his marks.

Energy Shortage

From the standpoint of its natural gas supply, Kings Mountain is lucky. W. D. Edwards, the city's consulting engineer, told the city commission Tuesday night.

Kings Mountain got an allocation increase late last year and many cities did not. His hometown of Greenwood, S. C., has posted the "all out, no more customers" sign.

Mr. Edwards knows whereof he speaks. As an engineer for Barnard & Burk, of Baton Rouge, La., Mr. Edwards is consultant to several gas-selling cities and private companies as well.

A principal reason for the tight gas supply has been unwillingness of the Federal Power Commission to raise prices transmission companies pay to the producer at the well-head. "As a result," Mr. Edwards said, "many producers have pulled their rigs out of the off-shore gas areas and moved them off Norway and Sweden, where there is plenty of gas, where demand for gas is great, and where costs are less by half than off the Louisiana and Texas coasts." Another area drawing the financially-pressed gas producers is off Algeria in the Mediterranean.

His parting statement to the city commission Tuesday night: "You're all right this year, and should be able to handle demand including that of new customers. I don't know about next year."

Problems of coal users have been well-advertised by the power companies. Commissioner Jim Dickey, who at Neis-co uses coal, says the price of "sorry" coal has doubled to \$18 a ton and still hard to get.

And the fuel oil industry warned last fall it might not be able to meet its demand requirements throughout the current heating season.

City tags are on sale at City Hall. The Kings Mountain Lions clubs are again selling the tags, this year with a large "Kings Mountain" etched in green against a white background, conforming with the state tag. The city tags cost a dollar, the state tags, ahem, slightly more.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Joe Smith, at Kings Mountain Building & Loan, was wondering about the other day whether the old Mountain View Hotel, demolished in 1950, had as many rooms as are available at Kings Mountain's three motels.

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Not quite, according to Herald printer - pressman Paul Jackson, who worked there when he was a youngster with his father John Jackson, the major domo of the Misses Norris establishment. Paul recalls the Mountain View offered 22 spacious rooms, eight less than current.

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Friday the offerings will increase by 106, to 136, when Royal Villa Motor Inn posts the "vacancy" sign.

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Last major "let's build a hotel effort" was in the thirties and it was, of course, abortive. Had the effort been successful, Harris-Tetter Super Market would have had to locate somewhere else.

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The Royal Villa folk will be opening here the second of a projected large chain of motels, with next stops at Greenville and Atlanta.

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It's a young team and with several Kings Mountain connections. The old man of the group is President Hugh D. Johnston. He was too young to remember it, but lived here for several months as a baby. It was Depression times and Hugh says his father told him he decided the family could starve a little less at Cramerton. Hugh was born in 1928.

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One of the directors is Bob Neill, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill, who played a hefty tackle for the Kings Mountain high school football team, and who is now a Charlottean.

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Another director is Hugh Morton, of Wilmington and Grandfather Mountain. While he has previously had no on scene Kings Mountain connections, Morton's Grandfather Mountain diggings are neighbor to Kings Mountain's Henry Lewis mountain retreat. Henry says Hugh has offered to buy the Lewis property but Henry isn't interested. "I'm not through hunting bear yet," Henry adds.

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Carl Stewart, the executive vice-president and general manager, was born in 1936. Senior partner Johnston teased him recently, "You still look like a juvenile but I guess we'll have to refer to you as an elder statesman." Carl was sworn Wednesday for his third term of service in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Carl hasn't hooked up kinship with the Kings Mountain area Stewarts but is native to neighboring Bessemer City.

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Manager Wayne Carpenter is kin to Charlie Carpenter, the Herndon brothers, Hubert Aderhold and others of that family.

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Troy Pollard, the general manager, claims no Kings Mountain connections and saw the light of day in Onslow county. Troy tells of an untoward personal experience of a few years ago. Another Troy Pollard was killed in a plane crash at Raleigh-Durham airport. The telephone started jangling as his friends and kin in Onslow sought information about the funeral arrangements.

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Nuances effect people and they effect businesses.

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President Johnston explained the reason for changing the original name from "Family Inn" to "Motor Inn". Soon after opening the Charlotte Royal Villa, the owners found that 75 percent of their customers were "commercial", a hotel lingo designation of the over-night guest, often sales-people, who come in for dinner, some evening business calls, sleep, breakfast and departure.

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A number of complaints were received and divided into two groups. One asked, "You mean I can't stay with you if I don't have my family with me?" The other consensus complaint: "If you're going to have a bunch of youngsters playing up and down the halls all night, I won't be staying with you."

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The neon sign artists got an S. O. S. for "Royal Villa Motor Inn."

Preacher Of The Year



Viewpoints of Other Editors

COSMOPOLITANIZED CARS

Last year, foreign auto imports made up 15 percent of the American domestic market — substantially ahead of their 11 percent in 1969.

Of course, two of the five American compacts designed to compete against the imports were not introduced until the fall of the year. Also, domestic sales for the year were down, and lower-priced cars naturally do better in a depressed market. In 1971, with General Motors back in full production and U.S. auto sales expected to climb to at least 9.5 million units, the import share will likely drop back to 11 or 12 percent.

Most auto experts, including the heads of the big American carmakers themselves, expect import competition to stay strong in coming years.

There is another side to the situation, however. And that is that the competition of American automakers abroad is expected to stay strong, too. Ford Motor Company, for instance, last year sold 1.6 million cars and trucks in the free world market outside the United States — nearly 10 percent of the 13 million units sold.

What is taking place is an internationalization of the auto market. And basically this is a healthy trend.

In terms of design, American auto-makers have had to follow the European "Tarmakers' practice of offering a complete line of models. The big car — made for a post-World War II booming market when road and curbside congestion were not what they are today — could not do the whole job of satisfying the American buying public. Further, an internationalization of taste has made imports more acceptable in the American market — as well as stamping a certain "Americanism" on the foreign cars themselves.

There will always be a market for the big American car. Throughout the world, it is a standard for luxury in road travel. No doubt as U.S. automakers prove themselves a stronger fold on the domestic small car market. While abroad, it should not be forgotten, they are already stronger than appears on the surface, though their holdings in foreign auto companies.

Basically, then, American car manufacturers probably are not dismayed at the imports' strong showing in 1970. Their adjustment to the changing buying scene is not complete. But they are not panicking. They are not eyeing anything like protective import measures to hold back the import tide. They realize that eventually an internationalized market will be as much in their

ARMY SPIES ON CITIZENS

There has been growing concern over the widespread intelligence network the United States Army has established in the nation. The charges now brought by Senator Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.) concerning what the Army has been reported doing in Illinois recently show that this concern has been justified.

The senator says information he received is that the Army used this military spy network to keep tabs on more than 800 civilians in Illinois. The list includes such names as Adlai E. Stevenson III, who recently was elected United States senator from Illinois; United States Representative Abner Mikva; former governor and now Federal Judge Otto Kerner; and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who heads the black Operation Breadbasket movement to help Negroes and other minority groups and who is planning to run for mayor of Chicago.

The former Army sergeant who supplied the information to Senator Ervin says his work for the military involved "collection of information pertaining to individuals and organizations decreed by the Army to be subversive in nature."

This raises serious questions about who authorized the Army to "decree" any individual or organization "to be subversive in nature" and of how the Army got involved in any such activity at all. What standards are used in making judgments on these individuals and organizations and for what purpose?

This is not a function of the military in any democratic government. If it has been going on in the United States, then someone has gross misconceptions about our kind of government.

Persons holding or seeking public office are to be judged first of all by the electorate. And if that screening fails to prevent a "bad apple" getting into the barrel, there is an extensive and adequate civilian system of investigation and prosecution to deal with these situations.

When those tasks are allowed to slip into the hands of the military instead of the people or their civilian services, a nation is moving into an Orwellian period of Big Brother. It is no longer a free, democratic government when that happens.

The charges brought by Senator Ervin are only charges at this point. But they are serious charges brought by a member of the Senate who has an excellent reputation as a defender of rights and constitutional methods. They

favor as it is in the rest of the free world's.

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- Mrs. Harry Poteat
- Mrs. Alvenia Schuler
- Robt. Spencer
- Mrs. Lawrence D. Styers

THE LITTLE THINGS

Life is not made up of great sacrifices and duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort. (Sir Humphrey Day)

must not be brushed off. If they are proved correct, those responsible must be made to answer for their preposterous conduct, and safeguards must be established to be sure such actions do not occur again. Commercial Appeal (Memphis)

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