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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE—Deceit is in the heart of them that manage evil; but to the counselors of peace is joy. Proverbs 12; 20

EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Santa's coming to town

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. Kings Mountain will entertain a semi-annual visitor but though he arrives twice a year, he makes a public appearance only once.

Reference is made to old man Santa Claus, who visits Kings Mountain and most other cities early in the season, prior to his down-the-chimney tour on Christmas Eve.

The Kings Mountain Fire Department, again sponsoring the Yule parade, has joined the trend of earlier opening of the Christmas season this year, and the various merchants in the area are

already receiving large shipments of Christmas merchandise, toys, wheel goods, and the many, many other specialties of the holiday season.

Local area merchants have been busy making ready for tomorrow's welcoming parade, and it should be well-attended. More floats are included in this year's parade, and the list of other participants indicates a varied promotion.

The word to the early shopper is that he will be a much happier fellow the last few days before Christmas.

High tribute for Mrs. Weir

It's high tribute to a remarkable lady that the Kings Mountain Fire Department has chosen as the 1979 Grand Marshal of tomorrow's Christmas Parade, Mrs. W.T. Weir.

Many citizens of our community recall being in Mrs. Josephine Ellerbe Weir's classroom at Kings Mountain High School. None can deny her mastery of the teaching profession and many of her students would tell you quite frankly that she made them toe the mark and they liked it.

What we leave behind us is of vital importance and occasionally a person enters our lives who leaves behind a lasting fragrance, a mark to make on everyone touched.

Such an individual is Mrs. Weir, who has excelled, not only in her leadership of young lives, but in her leadership of the many church and civic affairs of which she has been a part of Kings Mountain for many years.

Future hinges on Iran

On October 17th, President Jimmy Carter concluded a thousand days in office.

That's about the length of time John F. Kennedy was President, or of Teddy Roosevelt's first term, and a little longer than Gerald Ford's presidency.

Many political writers are at this point assessing the nature, tenor and accomplishments of the Carter Administration.

But, whatever those accomplishments, the President's political future many hinge on the

outcome of that terrible crisis which has arisen over the take-over of the American Embassy in Tehran.

The President's handling of that situation, including shutting off of crude oil from Iran, has been praised by other contenders for the Presidential nomination from both parties.

The outcome however, will be stamped forever on the minds of the American voter, just as much as Watergate and other traumatic periods are remembered.

Reader Dialogue

'Life Of Brian' immoral

To The Editors,

We all have heard about the controversial movie "Life of Brian": many have taken stand against it, opposing the shows in their communities, others supporting them on the grounds that censorship is immoral.

If the film "Oh, God" was in poor taste for Christians then "Life of Brian" is a bad tire, subversive to no end, blasphemous and repellent.

When I went to see the film in a movie theater in Charlotte there were a few dozens of protesters, walking in front of the theater, most

of them mature young people, carrying signs denouncing the blasphemous movie. After the show, I couldn't help myself but take the time to meet them, shake their hands and salute approvingly them on their courage to "fight the good fight of faith," to stand up for their Lord.

What is the movie about? It is one well planned try to cut the very roots of Christian Bible piety with the obscure character of Brian making him ridicule the life of Jesus from the event of Bethlehem all through the crucifixion, and in between the hilarity of adding some spices by four letter words and even full frontal nudity.

Can we afford not to speak up against this kind of the devil's attempt to incite people to laugh about the things sacred? May God forgive those in high offices of the Institutional Church who do not feel the sense of duty according to their calling to speak with authority against blasphemy! Very few have done that. (Is the spirit of Protestantism of Luther, Calvin, Zinzendorf, Wesley dead?) The people of the grass-roots of the Church, our young people most eagerly, are in need of the words and action of "censorship."

But all is not lost yet, not even in the movie world, so we are assured when seeing the film "In Search of Historic Jesus," one of the latest of religious movies of high artistic and religious qualities to be mentioned with "The Bible," or "Noah's Ark," or "The Late Great Planet Earth," to mention some.

The film "The Search of Historic Jesus" starts with the examination of the shroud of Turin, the cloth believed to have wrapped the body of Christ. The research and the discussion by a theologian and scientists of distinction in their fields raise and hold the interest of the viewers in the subject matter and indeed in the whole story of Jesus life, satisfactorily abbreviated, with some "modern streaks" in it, yet not out of line with the New Testament.

Don't miss seeing this movie.

Dr. Valdis Meszers
Iron Station

LOOKING BACK

From the Fri., Nov. 25, 1949 edition of the Kings Mountain Herald

Howard B. Jackson, Neisler Mills executive, was elected President of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year by the newly-elected directors Nov. 17th.

Marlowe's Home and Auto Supply will move this weekend from its present location on Battleground Avenue to the building on Mountain Street owned by J.R. Davis and formerly occupied by Mountain Grill.

Social and Personal

Crisp autumn weather and seasonal flowers gave a festive atmosphere to the beautifully-appointed tea given on last Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Vernon Perry Crosby and Mrs. John Allyn Cheshire when guests were invited to call from 4 until 6:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Howard Ware entertained 22 girls and boys Tuesday night at her home on East King Street as a birthday courtesy to her daughter, Cornelia.

Mrs. Paul Mauney entertained members of the Study Club at her home Tuesday night.



Lanny's fannies, Mearl's pearls line up for night of hard knocks. . .

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Game was exciting. . .

Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. That phrase is usually associated with weddings, but could also be attached to Saturday night's Oldtimers football game at John Gamble Stadium.

The contest, sponsored by the Mountaineer Club to raise funds to support Kings Mountain High School athletics, had something old in players from as far back as the early fifties, something new in gridders that played as recently as last season, something borrowed in players like Larry Dunn who did not play at KMHS but starred at other schools, and something blue in the bruises that starting popping up all over arms and legs on Sunday morning.

Just for the record, Lanny's fannies, a team coached by Lanny Thornburg, won a close 6-0 decision over Mearl's Pearls, a team coached by Mearl Valentine. The only touchdown came when Charlie Rhodes returned the second half kickoff 80 yards. And, just my luck . . . I missed it. When Rhodes was outracing the defense down the sidelines I was standing in front of the bleachers talking to former KM lineman Mike Ware, who is now head coach at Newberry High and is a member of this year's Shrine Bowl coaching staff.

Even though only one touchdown was scored, the oldtimers gave the fans plenty of excitement. To the surprise of most people in the stands, there was a lot of hard-hitting on defense. Only a light rain in the second half dampened the spirits, and even that didn't bother the players and the oldtime cheerleaders and pep band.

Probably the best thing that came out of the game were the memories that entered the minds of the fans. Several could recall the breakaway speed and power-running of Ken Baity, a '57 Shrine Bowler who is still the school's all-time rushing king. Baity was one of the few running backs who was blessed with both power and speed. The years have taken away the speed and added a few pounds in the wrong places.

The two oldest oldtimers were end Whistle Goforth, whose last season of football was 1950, Ollie Harris Jr., who graduated in '54 at KMHS, and Don Ellis, a '65 Grover grad. Harris came all the way from Houston to participate in the second annual event.

Harris, a quarterback, and Goforth, an end, saw little action until the second half when the PA announcers began encouraging the coaches to put them in the game.

Darrell Austin, who was helping Jonas Bridges, Carl Champion and Perry Champion at the mike, called for Thornburg to put Harris in and Thornburg yelled up to the pressbox "he doesn't want to go in." Shortly afterward, Harris went in and ran a quarterback keeper for a two yard gain. "That had to be a busted play,"



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commented his father, State Senator Ollie Harris. "He would never call his own number."

The rosters included several former Mountaineers who were all-stars during their heyday. That list, of course, was headed by Baity, a Shrine Bowler who also made All-Conference and All-State. He went on to star at the University of South Carolina.

Dunn, a native South Carolinian who is employed by Timms Furniture, was selected for the SC Shrine Bowl team his senior year but did not play in the game because of an injury. He later played several years of pro baseball in the Yankee chain, advancing as high as AAA ball.

Other all-stars included Mark George, who was an East-West All-Star game participant and All-Conference, Tony Falls, an All-SWC quarterback selection as a sophomore, All-SWC Dennis Hogue, Charlie Burns, who was All-SWC and a member of the Lions Bowl team in '61, and Alton Stewart, an All-SWC running back and Lions Bowl selection in '62.

Shu Carlton, who coached the Mounties to their first two Southwestern Conference titles in 1955 and '56 and who later turned out several outstanding teams at Gastonia Ashley, was a special guest at the Booster's Club.

The losing team blamed the narrow loss on the officials . . . KMHS coaches Dan Brooks, David Brinkley and Steve Foster. (Just kidding, they really did a good job.)

Players participating in the game, other than the ones already mentioned, included Keith Porter, William Thompson, Chuck Austin, Darrell Van Dyke, Pete Ruff, William Manning, Buck Burton, Andy Loftin, Rocky Brown, Joey Bennett, Will Sanders, Alan Putnam, Lynn Valentine, Robert Turner, Tim Spicer, Dewayne Clark, Bob Johnson, Tony Leigh, Ronnie Tesseneer, Bill Grissom, Ed Burns, Don Champion, Scott Thornburg, Ronnie Wilson, Scott Ellis, Kenny Falls, Eddie Smith, David Bolin, Chris Johnson, Craig Brown, Myron George, Byron White, Donald Martin, Leon Roseboro, Scott Wells, Eddie Leftwich, Kale Goins, Dale Putnam, David Putnam, Dale Russell, Arthur Carroll, Joe Bell, Reggie Whitmire, Bobby Tesseneer, Jethro Bell, Bobby Bolin, Corky Smith, Jerome Miller, Jewel Watson and Phillip Putnam.

A real gala occasion

Charlie Moss has supplied us with a copy of a 1930 Thanksgiving Day menu which was served at a Neisler Mills office party 49 years ago.

Local people, who have worked or now work at the Margrace and Pauline Plants, will remember these "names" from that guest list and their long affiliation with Kings Mountain industry.

At that time Charlie was working at the Patricia plant, Paul Mauney was with the office staff, and Halbert Webb was working in the Margrace dyehouse.

The menu for that Thanksgiving Day included the traditional turkey with rice and gravy, boiled ham, cranberries, scalloped oysters, candied yams, fruit cocktail, celery and pickles, congealed salad, boiled custard and fruit cake.

Charlie recalled that the party was held in the old Pythian Club hall, located upstairs in the former First National Bank Building at the corner of Cherokee and Mountain Streets.

"It was a real gala occasion," recalls Charlie.

The guest list numbered then-Mayor Wiley McGinnis, H.W. Sanders, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, W.A. Barden, J. Lee Robinson, D.A. Matthews, Elmer Herndon, C.F. Harry, B.J. King, Rev. A.G. Melton, Charles E. Barnhardt, Dr. I.S. McElroy, John H. Mabry, A.E. Cline, J.L. Herndon, Dr. J.E. Anthony, J.M. Rhea, Sheriff I.M. Allen, Dr. J.S. Hood, Rev. J.R. Church, George F. Modena, C.B. Carpenter, J.C. Keller, W.K. Mauney, W.A. Ridenhour, John P. Long, Booth W. Gillespie, Walter Dilling, E.A. Smith Sr., Arnold Kiser, Hunter Mauney, Buck Mauney and Ben Long.

Representing the various plants were: E.E. Finley, C.B. Whitworth, R.P. Sanders, Gus Early, Bob Wood, Boyce Early, Beck Page, Arthur Hamrick and Boyce Ware, all of Margrace; Hugh Neisler, Will Parrish, L.C. Finley, Grady Weir, Winfield Styers, M.A. Moss, Clarence Jolly, W.S. Cashion and John Davis, all



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of Pauline; R. Halbert Webb, Fred Martin and Tim Goforth, all of the Dyehouse; Hunter Neisler, Carl Davidson, Clyde Jolly and A.A. Jones, all of Designing; Joe Neisler, J.R. Dickey, L.L. Cloninger, George Barber and W.B. Smith, all of Finishing; Charlie Moss and Carl Weaver, both of Patricia; and C.E. Neisler, F.C. Roberts, J.C. Jolly, J.H. Thomson, Paul Mauney, Paul Neisler, Eugene Neisler, Luther Cansler and Seth Wilson, all of the office staff.

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IN THE MAIL this week was a subscription renewal and a letter from Nancy (Mrs. Clyde) Kerns, who is moving back to North Carolina from Tampa, Fla.

Nancy, widow of Clyde Kerns, has been living in Florida for six years and is returning to her hometown of Salisbury next month to reside at Apt. D-104 Spanish Arms, 810 S. Main St. The Kernses lived in Kings Mountain 32 years and resided on Edgemont Dr. Nancy recalled that she will be returning to Salisbury on Pearl Harbor Day, 38 years after she left that city. And coincidentally, it was on Pearl Harbor Day Dec. 7, 1973 that she left Kings Mountain to move to Florida and Dec. 7, 1941 when she moved to Kings Mountain to make her home.

Mrs. Kerns earned the name "Fancy Nancy" from some of her longtime friends, including the B.S. Peeler family, and was regarded as an excellent hostess.