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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. Romans 14:1.

### School Needs

Much interest should have been elicited locally by the publication of the 13-point legislative program of the United Forces for Education, and for several reasons.

Principally, schools are the means whereby the level of education is raised, with general benefits not only to the students, but to the populace. On a personal basis, parents and grandparents should be interested in better means of education for their children and grandchildren.

The Herald would regard several of the points in the program as very important, including (1) funds for employment of truant officers, (2) reduction of the teacher load to 30 pupils per classroom, and (3) provision of sick leave for teachers.

Though it is theoretically possible for principals and superintendents to handle truancy matters through local authorities, both the schoolmen and the policemen are too sufficiently tied up with other matters to give needed attention to the truancy problem. And the truancy problem exists in families most needful of improvement in educational level.

Most citizens will agree that 30 students should be a maximum load for teachers, particularly in the elementary and grammar grade levels, and most businesses provide some measure of sick leave for their employees. Why not for school teachers too?

On the matter of salaries, it is rather obvious that the requested \$2,400—\$3,600 pay scale cannot be provided without increasing taxes, and even the strong supporters of this pay scale will admit privately that, viewing the temper of the 1951 General Assembly, they merely hope for continuance of the \$2,200—\$3,100 scale. The latter is little enough to provide, and any effort to regress to lower levels should be sternly opposed by all citizens.

### The Road Matter

As in all disagreements, there are bound to be many side issues to becloud the principal argument.

Thus the current struggle between Governor Scott and some members of the legislature over the bill to increase the share of the cities in the state's gasoline tax revenue has many side avenues of approach.

From published reports of the past several months, it would seem that Governor Scott was quite correct in charging the North Carolina League of Municipalities with "running out on its agreement" for the League's representatives had agreed to support the program of the governor and highway department, which would balance off the additional money to the cities with more tax.

The Herald is hopeful that the Powell bill, which will raise the road fund to be shared in by the cities to five million, without any increase in taxes, will be enacted.

For several years, long before Mr. Scott thought publicly about running for governor, the Herald editorialized frequently concerning the need for more revenue for streets by the municipalities, pointing out that plenty of revenue-producing gasoline is burned on city streets. None of that revenue pays any cost of those particular streets.

The development of two years ago, when the state voted the \$200 million rural roads issue, meant that city dwellers and business firms would pay, via the tax increase, the biggest share of the cost of these rural roads.

It would seem quite fair to increase the city dwellers' share of the gasoline tax take.

Our congratulations to T. W. Grayson, who has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1941 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Twenty-five Kings Mountain Boy Scouts, acting as good-will couriers relayed a message yesterday afternoon from Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Fulton of Kings Mountain to Yates McSwain, Mayor Pro-Tem of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Louise Suggs was solemnized at Bethesda Methodist church in Gaston County Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Harry Warren entertained members of her bridge club and a number of invited guests at "Pine Knot" Tuesday night. Miss Marjorie Hord honored

her mother with a delightful birthday party at her home last Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock. The members of the T. E. L. class were her mother's guests. Miss Mary Helen Hambricht has entered Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

## martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon  
(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)

### February Notes

**Motes Fun:** A couple of weeks ago, a goodly number of Kings Mountain citizens received by their favorite postoffice neat little postal cards with a personal invitation. Written in something akin to formal style, the message instructed the honored recipients to pay a visit to City Hall and leave one dollar for each card received, in lieu of being cited to court under charges of parking meter violations.

No less than 67 of these cards were posted, but hardly that many individuals were involved, as some received several invitations. Gaddy Howard, for instance, the Metropolitan Insurance man, was blessed with six, and there were several who received a trio or a pair.

The medicinal department of course, one of the city's best parking meter customers (both in the fine and regular fee categories) had to be in the act, too, and rated two invitations. One was dated as far back as October, another in the furious busy days of December. Doing a little figuring I recalled that one was creditable to a defective meter, while the other was credited to an over-long conversation with Byron Keeter. But I had missed my chance on the defective meter excuse, which should have been handled at once. There was an interesting money-saving process of reasoning, such as, "They won't really cite anybody to court." But there followed a second and more interesting thought. The absolute minimum costs of court which the Honorable Recorder assesses is \$8.50 and this can easily go up the ladder. Thus it became quickly apparent that the proper course was to pay off and quickly.

The paying off process was not a lonesome one. Golfman Buck Pressley and Neighbor Harry Page preceded me. I shouldn't tell this on Harry, but he was muttering something about he'd never received a ticket and it was bound to be his wife's.

After glancing over the culprit list, I felt much better. Mayor Pro Tempore Hal Ware was listed, as was former Judge and City Attorney Ector Harrell. It was really quite distinguished company.

**Election Season:** Though there has been no formal action in the forthcoming city political season (election day is less than three months away), Kings Mountain is not without its politics. Mid-season elections were held at the high school last Friday, and, as this is written, they were still tallying the votes. The young folks did their politicking in a manner which would do their sides proud, with placards, handbills, and other drum-beatings designed to get out the vote and result in a successful campaign. There was no shortage of candidates, and almost all of them had their campaign managers to pull the strings to corral the votes.

**Blackface Repeat:** Friday and Saturday night the Jaycees present their "Jaycee Minstrels of 1951", a new-model show featuring some of the same dark faces who delighted audiences last year. This department has seen no preview, but has the word of several participants that the show will be an even better one than was presented in 1950, if that is possible. It's hard to beat a local talent minstrel for good entertainment and most folk are looking forward to hearing the "Darktown Strutters Ball" again.

**The Weather:** The weekend was a nice one—for the young folk—who finally found enough snow to play in. It would have been tragic had the first cold winter in three passed, without giving the youngsters a chance to try their hand at snow man building, or simulating with a well-packed snowball. But now that we've had it, I'd be quite satisfied if the weatherman would make a point of disproving the old Groundhog Day theories. Mr. Groundhog most definitely saw his shadow, which would ordinarily mean foul weather until mid-March. And speaking of the weather, I am indebted to Dr. J. E. Anthony, I suspect, for a copy of the Gasparilla edition of the Tampa Morning Tribune, under date of February 6. Though principal treatment was given the "invasion" of the city by the holiday pirates, the story "Tamp Jumps from Snow to Scorching Sun in 56 Hours" rated front-page treatment.

### CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon

- ACROSS**
- 1—European nation
  - 6—Land, favorite of archaeologists (poss.)
  - 11—Historically famous city
  - 12—Royal
  - 14—"Emerald Isle"
  - 15—Bone
  - 16—Large city formerly known for its gaiety
  - 19—United India (abbrev.)
  - 20—"The British 'Z'"
  - 21—Comparative suffix
  - 22—Japanese coin
  - 23—Command used in guiding teams
  - 28—Correlative of "neither"
  - 30—Comitment
  - 33—Public announcements
  - 35—"Prefix denoting 'not'"
  - 36—"No" in Scotland
  - 37—Printer's measure
  - 38—Greek letter
  - 39—Accends
  - 40—Bends forward
- DOWN**
- 1—State of the Arctic regions
  - 2—Floral emblem of England
  - 3—Part of verb "to be"
  - 4—U. S. "Silver State" (abbrev.)
  - 5—Pencil foil
  - 6—Sea eagle
  - 7—Affirmative
  - 8—Greek letter
  - 9—Loyal
  - 10—Famous French waterway (poss.)
  - 13—Indefinite article
  - 17—City once known as Constantinople (poss.)
  - 18—Land of the "poncho"
  - 21—Well-known Australian river
  - 24—New York City ranks first in the world as "big"
  - 26—Male parent
  - 28—Liberation
  - 31—Part of verb "to be"
  - 32—"The thing, in law"
  - 34—To imitate
  - 39—Depression made by a volcano
  - 41—Well-known African region (poss.)
  - 43—Alaskan city
  - 44—Solenn promise
  - 45—Smallest particle of an element
  - 46—"The boss of a shield"
  - 47—Water-surrounded tract of land
  - 48—North American water body
  - 51—Unit of time (abbrev.)

### Other Editor's Viewpoints . . . . .

#### ACID TEST (The State)

Under the glass on top of desks of my business friends is where I find many choice bits of philosophy that I copy down on the back of an envelope to be digested later or filed away. One of them is before me now, and it reads:

...He may wear a greasy hat and the seat of his trousers may be shiny, but if his children have their noses flattened against the window pane a half hour before he is due home for supper, you can trust him with anything you have.

#### SCHOOLS FACING CRISIS (Transylvania Times)

The schools of the state are now facing another crisis. This condition was revealed to the General Assembly a week ago when the state board of education told the legislators:

Unless the suggested budget is substantially increased by the General Assembly, it will be utterly impossible to operate the schools on their present level.

It may even be impossible to avert a disastrous deterioration in the state school system. Unless the General Assembly substantially increases (the recommended appropriations) the public school line cannot be held. It will certainly buckle.

The question arises: What will the legislature do? It might more properly be asked: What can the legislature do?

Three courses of action suggest themselves: First, the legislature might tell the school people that it has no more money for them and that they would have to do the best they can on the amount budgeted. It might be argued that by saying this the legislature would in reality be sidestepping the problem.

In the second place, the legislature might divert funds from other institutions and activities, which would surely provoke a storm of protest.

Or the legislature might raise taxes or impose new ones. There is known to exist in the legislature a strong sentiment against increasing taxes for any purpose. With the national government committed to a course of prodigal spending, there is a growing conviction among the people that state governments should economize. Called upon to pay increased taxes, to practice self-denial and undergo hardships incident to an all-out war effort, the people are not willing to support their state government in the style to which it has been accustomed. However, we believe

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Don't miss the Azalea Festival this year—Wilmington March 31-April 2. Many people come from faraway parts of the country to visit—yet it's right here at home for all of us. Remember fishing picks up on the coast in March—Spring is getting an early start and it's good to be alive in North Carolina.  
Easter is March 25th this year.

All of our golf courses begin to get extra workouts with Pinehurst holding a tournament on March 30th—preceded by an early spring horse show on the 25th. March, of course, is the month for early planting of tobacco seed beds—as if you didn't know—also white beans, watermelons.  
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