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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Humble yourselves therefore before the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. I Peter 5:6.

Large Goals

The estimate that an expansive, and needed, city recreation plant could be obtained for some \$350,000, as given last week by A. B. Chandler, chairman of the city parks and recreation commission...

They include:

- 1) Sewer plant and water plant improvements and expansions, \$800,000.
2) A natural gas distribution system, \$700,000.
3) The aforementioned recreation plant, \$350,000.
4) Rebuilding of the electrical distribution system, amount not yet estimated.

Figuring \$150,000 for Item 4, the total is \$2,000,000.

The Herald has heard no responsible citizen suggest that such a composite bite should be taken at one time, and, if any citizen does feel that way, he would probably find himself in a lonesome minority.

At the same time, the glimpse into the future and a listing of the needs and aims is a necessary step to accomplishment, even if accomplishment is 20 years away.

A community is little different from an individual. If he cannot afford a car, a television set, and an electric refrigerator, he must decide which is the most needed and work toward it. Eventually, he may be able to have all three.

Mr. Chandler's report on the recreation plans was the first step toward obtaining a recreational plant. Since recreation is still regarded by many as a quasi public function, it would appear his statement, that the recreation commission anticipates obtaining some funds from private subscription, might find a responsive chord.

Our best wishes to the leaders of the American Legion post in their efforts to find ways and means of fielding an entry in the 1952 Legion baseball program. The team after a slow start, almost "hit" last year, missing advancing past the first round by only a half game. Had it advanced, the \$2,000 deficit would not have occurred. Baseball is very expensive, but the Legion program is an excellent one, and the continuity of the local post's participation in the program is imperative to eventually fielding teams which will advance further in elimination play. The teams have been improving each year.

If you haven't made a donation to the Number 4 Township March of Dimes campaign, it's a good way to help your neighbor, who has had the misfortune to suffer from polio.

Only one week remains to list taxes for 1952 without penalty. And penalties on unpaid 1951 tax bills apply after February 1. Taxes, in any form, are painful enough, without penalties.

Periodic collection of old clothing benefits everyone. Many people, at any given time, have clothes they consider unwearable cluttering up their closets and other storage space, which could be worn by needy people. Our congratulations to the Junior Woman's Club on its recent clothes collection, which was conducted with considerable success.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

For the first time in the history of Kings Mountain the town has a street washing machine, which is now in operation.
Instructions for the First Aid classes have been secured by the local Red Cross chapter. Classes for the ladies desiring this course are ready to begin at once.
Social and Personal
Mrs. Adiprey Mauney was hostess to members of her bridge

club at her home on Gaston Street Thursday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. John McGill entertained at dinner at their home on Gold Street honoring Mr. McGill's mother, Mrs. Lona McGill on her birthday anniversary.
The Cleaners Class of the First Baptist Church met Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Eugene Roberts with Mrs. Paul Cole and Mrs. Roberts as hostesses.

Byron Keeter and Miss Martha Frances McGill are in New York City on abuying trip for Keeter's Department Store.
Miss Dorothy Hayes left last week for Washington, D. C. where she has accepted a position with the United States Civil Service Commission.
Miss Fanny Carpenter was a guest of Mrs. Orr Crawford in Gastonia for the weekend.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage.

Whistles

Needless to say, the inspiration for today's piece arose from last week's feature story on the presentation of a couple of steam whistles by Southern Railway to two Kings Mountain mills, Margrace and Mauney.

I didn't do the story, so it will be O. K. to say I thought it a good one.

As mentioned, the "retirement" or "pasturing" of the steam whistles resulted from the previous demand for train bells, when these were retired. It was natural that Joe Thomson, an ex-railroad man himself, would want one.

The old locomotive steam whistle is quite a part of Kings Mountain, and has been since the community began. There was some question, as advanced by one of the Southern Railway representatives at the whistle presentations, as to which came first in this area, the railroad or the city, somewhat like the discussion of which came first, the chicken or the egg. At any rate, they were pretty close together.

In the good old days, a community without a railroad was no community at all, and the arrival of a train was an important event. A community which had a couple of trains a day was accounted mighty lucky. With the development of the motor car, truck, and highways, the railroad is less imperative as a community asset, but still needed. The big bulk of freight still goes by rail, and will. A box car can handle about 30 tons, and the truck has yet to be built that can handle that much freight, not to mention several cars of same.

But the discussion started out on whistles, of which there are many varieties.

Among the most famous (or infamous, as the case may be) is the policeman's whistle. It can come in mighty handy if a policeman directing traffic sounds one to go ahead. But it can sound mighty shrill and scary, if it blows after you've taken liberties with a stop light, or turned into the wrong end of a one-way street. This type of whistle, I understand, is much in use in Gastonia these days. The city fathers of Gastonia have passed an ordinance against jay-walking, which means that all street crossing must be done at corners. Needless to say, the Gastonia policemen are doing plenty of whistle duty.

The human whistle, made by puckering the lips and squeezing through them proper quantities of air, can be pleasant or ear-splitting. I can whistle, but I am not an expert. Generally speaking, men are better whistlers than women, though I don't know the why's nor wherefores. Perhaps it's because proper mamas don't think whistling ladylike and prevent their daughters from practicing the art. However, I understand that all womenfolk know the proper response to the "wolf whistle", the one delivered by human wolves. I am not informed as to how "Whistle" Goforth got his nickname.

There are bird whistles, children's whistles (toys), and bird whistles. The sound of the last mentioned is not too pleasant, but they say it's better to hear it than not. If you hear the whistle the buller or shell won't hit you, it is said.

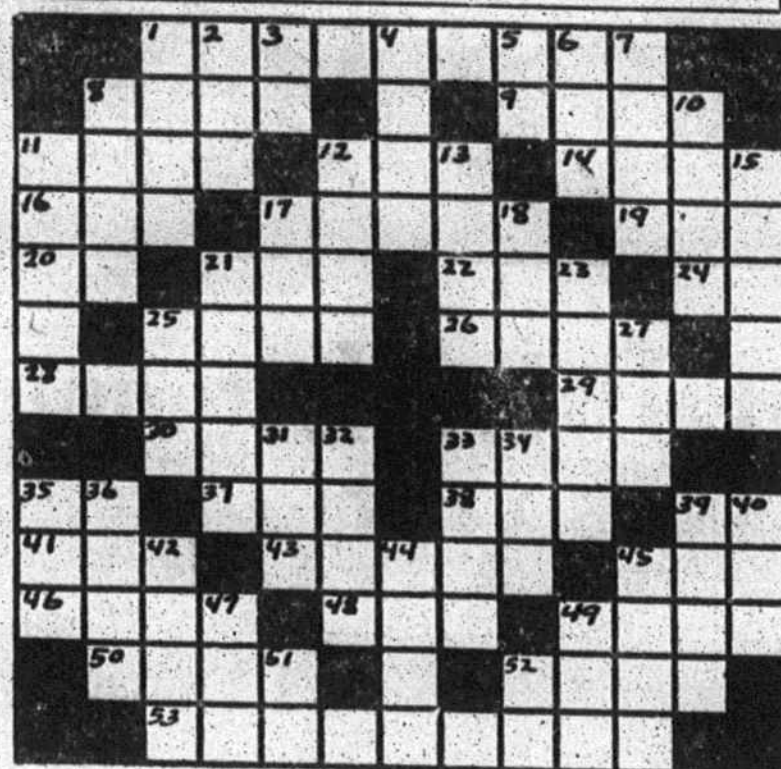
Use of the word in colloquialisms for years has established some phrases as legitimate in the English language. I hardly believe the phrase "to wet one's whistle" requires explanation. Then there is the phrase "at one's whistle", which means under the control of another. I am recommending this phrase as a club motto at the next session of the City Hen-Peaked Society.

Back to the railroad whistle, there are towns known as "whistle-stops", which means the only time a passenger train stop is at the conductor's pull of the whistle to discharge an occasional passenger. A whistle-stop town is not usually a very large or exciting one.

Mill whistles were once used principally to denote shift changes, though they, at times, were employed to denote danger or impending disaster, such as fires, etc.

But it is time to "whistle-stop" this piece.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



Back Into History

- ACROSS
1-Ancient military genius
8-Units
9-In Scottish and Irish, to top or prime
11-Nationality of the famed writer, Hans Christian Andersen
12-Has the ability
16-Consumed
17-Famed ancient writer
19-American inventor of the modern detective story
20-U.S. eastern state (abbrev.)
21-Free of
22-The thing, in law
24-Chemical symbol for platinum
25-Titled woman
26-Ancient Roman poet
28-Scandinavian explorer
29-Medieval ally of the Crusaders
30-To move or direct one's course
33-English school
34-College degree
37-Waltzer com
38-Tavern
39-Parental nickname
41-Noun suffix
43-Former Russian ruler
44-Ivory
46-Cease
48-The first woman
49-Ancient Roman philosopher
50-So be it!
52-An army
53-Famed writer of children's stories (poss.)
DOWN
1-First name of Shakespeare's wife (abbrev.)
2-American general
3-Educational Standards (abbrev.)
4-First man
5-Chemical symbol for dysprosium
6-Abbreviated enclosure
7-Harvest
8-Promote
9-To release
10-To please
11-Italy's most distinguished writer
12-Real name of "Buffalo Bill"
13-Trajanian Roman emperor
15-Combined with No. 13
17-Secreted
18-To warm up an airplane's engines (colloq.)
21-Down, a Disciple
23-Combined with No. 15
25-Ignited
27-Spanish title
31-Negative
32-Famed Italian actress
33-Ireland
34-Theoretical National Society (abbrev.)
35-Three-toed sloth (pl.)
36-Greek letter
38-Famed British statesman
40-Fus
42-Ancient name for the "Eternal City"
44-To state
45-A bab
47-To enclose
49-To study
51-Chemical symbol for neodymium
52-Prison

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Viewpoints of Other Editors

CLEVELAND IS REVALUING

(LEXINGTON DISPATCH)
Cleveland County's Board of Commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday passed an appropriation resolution making \$28,000 available to pay for mapping all properties in the entire county as a prelude to a general revaluation of real property now under way.

The Shelby Star said the members on the board expressed themselves as delighted with the preliminary work in mapping already done by the firm with which the county made a contract.

This is by way a reminder that some North Carolina counties are finding ways to finance the revaluation of real estate. We believe Iredell and Davie completed revaluation during the past year. Cleveland is not quite as wealthy a county as Davidson, we believe, though figures on present valuations are not at hand to tell what the tax books say.

However, each county has its own particular financial problems and Cleveland probably did not find itself quite as closely hedged about with commitments as the Davidson commissioners held this county to be at the time. The decision of the local board to pass the matter up during the present fiscal year seems to have been well accepted by those who have been pressing for a start on revaluation. However, a new fiscal year will start next July 1 and proponents of revaluation doubtless feel that the commissioners should be giving serious thought to this needed work as they begin looking toward the budget to be adopted in July.

Surface mining of nickel ores from open-pit operations is much easier than underground mining. For example, one electric shovel operating two shifts will produce 5,000 tons of ore—four and a half cubic yards of ore at every bite of the shovel. In a large underground nickel mine a force of 1,000 men working two shifts in forty stopes is required to produce the same tonnage.

REASONABLE REQUESTS

(SMITHFIELD HERALD)
Six North Carolina organizations—the North Carolina Education Association, the State Farm Bureau, the Grange, the State School Board Association, the Federation of Women's Clubs and the State P. T. A. Congress—combine to form what is known as the United Forces for Education.

Last week the United Forces for Education revealed its tentative 1953 legislative program.

The program calls for:
A salary scale ranging from \$2,600 to \$4,100 a year for Class A teachers. (The present scale extends from \$2,200 to \$3,100.)
A teacher load passed on 30 pupils per teacher instead of the present 32.

A state bond issued to "complete the present-school building program." (The bond money would be distributed on the basis of need and ability to provide.)

The hiring of attendance officer to enforce the compulsory attendance law.

Greater appropriations to meet current expense items and to provide such additional services as clerical aid for principals, improved janitor and maid services and more instructional materials.

This is a reasonable program and should receive wide support from the people of North Carolina.

Especially do we endorse the \$2,600-\$4,100 salary scale. As the Cleveland Times at Shelby declared in proclaiming its approval of the higher scale, "It is time we boosted the salaries of our public school instructors to a level where we will be able to demand excellence and superior qualifications in the teachers we engage, rather than, as is often the case, be forced to be content and happy that we simply fill the chair behind the desk."

The dollar value of Series E Bonds, all owned by individuals, continued to increase in 1951. By December 1, it had reached an all-time high of \$34.7 billion, or 15% more than on VJ-Day in August, 1945. That's a lot of reserve buying power.

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