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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things. II Corinthians 7:16.

The City's Budget

In case it had not been noted, the Washington government folk are not the only persons doing a considerable job of spending.

Tentative adoption of the city budget for the coming year is usually a prelude to final adoption with only minor changes and the financial plan for the coming year maps for spending nearly a half-million dollars. It's a new record in city budgets here, about \$97,000 up from last year.

Still, and as is customary, there wasn't enough money to do all that needs to be done during the year, nor many things that would be desirable.

One example of a desired item cut out was the fluoridation of the city's water supply, supposed to cut decay in teeth. The cost was not too much, but the city administrator suggested that chlorinators, long-needed at the city water plant, were much more important at the moment. Thus, fluoridation of water awaits another season.

About one-fifth of the budget is earmarked for street work, including items of capital equipment which will be used in the street department. The word of the city department heads is that re-capping of some streets is absolutely mandatory if the whole original outlay is not to be lost. Virtually all the hard-surfaced streets need re-capping.

Actually, the budget gets its biggest jump through the sale of power. New rates, now in effect, are designed to return the same revenue as before, but the increased income estimate is based on anticipated increased consumption, both by new customers and by old customers who will be adding during the year electric hot water heaters, television sets, air-conditioning units, washing machines, stoves and the other labor-saving inventions.

In spite of being a record amount of money, the 1952-53 city budget is still in the conservative category, considering the fact that the city is at least a million dollars behind on basic capital needs, represented first by a defective, completely inadequate sewage disposal system, estimated to require \$600,000.

It's nice to see the city's bonded debt falling. But the city's capital assets are not too great either, and it remains a concurrent fact that people in the city limits paying city taxes and not getting the basic city services of sewage and water service are hardly being treated right.

The Herald would rather see government money spent on the local level than at Washington or Raleigh, believing that a greater return is received on the tax dollar when it is spent closer home.

Local area distributors and dealers report a heavy demand for the several dusts and sprays designed to kill the boll weevil and, in turn, to insure the harvesting of a successful cotton crop. Those taking a chance with the boll weevil and other pests may be lucky. On the other hand, they may lose a cotton crop. Again, a stitch in time saves nine.

The legal action filed by a local family against Foote Mineral Company alleging blast damage, reminds that Superior Stone Company, which also must use dynamite to extract its product, took steps several years ago to cut their charges of dynamite and thereby to minimize blast damage. In their efforts, Superior proved highly successful.

Semi-annual dividend payments on savings accounts by Kings Mountain financial institutions continue to escalate with each new payment period. It shows the city is blessed with many wise citizens, regularly putting away a portion of their income for future purchases and needs.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Fifty percent of the Kings Mountain doctors will soon be in the U. S. Army as Dr. Fadgett has received orders to report for active duty to the Stark hospital in Charleston, S. C.
On account of the labor shortage in Cleveland County WPA officials were forced to suspend work on the Kings Mountain School Stadium which had been progressing for the past several months.

Social and Personal
Mrs. O. O. Jackson was hostess to Adelphi members at her home on Gold Street last Thursday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keeter entertained at an outdoor supper Tuesday evening having as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Dalton and children of Forest City.
Miss Sara Henry Summitt has been spending several days in Greenville, S. C.

Editor Haywood E. Lynch is back on the job after being out for two weeks with an appendix operation.
Mrs. John Mauney and Miss Nell Mauney left Saturday night for Baltimore, Md. where they visited Mrs. Mauney's son, Roy Mauney.
Sergeant George Blalock has returned to his post in Missouri. He was accompanied by Mrs. Blalock who will visit him for awhile.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

TV Convention

It's Ike, for better or for worse, and both categories apply to a sight of folk. "Better" designations, of course, apply to the early-bird supporters of General Eisenhower, to the Pennsylvania and Michigan delegations who came aboard Ike's train, "in time", and of course, to Harold Stassen and Minnesota, which made Ballot 2 completely unnecessary.

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"Worse" designations go to the big, but not-big-enough-Taft delegation, Taft himself, no longer "Mr. Republican" after his third loss in as many bids for a chance to succeed his father in the White House, and to the last-ditch-stand Taft supporters.

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There have been some broad hints that Ike will be bad for the Democrats who have enjoyed two decades of political prosperity. It may be, though there have been some interesting stirrings in Democratic lay circles of late, not to mention the pros. I've even heard one fellow, who has threatened to vote GOP in '52 ever since voting for Truman in 1948, hope that Harry gets the nomination again. Of course, he wouldn't vote for him, he says.

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If there is any lesson to be learned and advantage to be taken from convening last, the Democrats might well give attention to advance hatchet-burials. The bitter Taft-Ike struggle got aired to the 50,000,000 television screens of the nation, and what the average voter saw he didn't like. The only question seemed to be: Which GOP side gets to the trough?

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If the Southern Demos and Yankee Demos hold a love-feast in front of the TV cameras, it could be mighty impressive.

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It was the first T-V convention and I, like many another Kings Mountain friend, went to bed several evenings with bloodshot eyes. I cannot be categorized as a real television fan for other than special event stuff like conventions, bowl games, etc. I still prefer seeing a movie, first-run, at the Joy, Imperial or Diane. After gluing the eye to the screen for a three-hour hitch, I have decided that the eye doctors of the nation can count on much future business.

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It is natural that radio folk, who got their first crack at a convention job in 1928 I believe it was, would be more experienced, but I must vote the radio commentators more praise for the convention coverage job than the TV broadcasters. Part of the difference probably can never be overcome for, when the set is on, the looker just HAS TO LOOK, and the commentators have to report what's on the screen, even during the dull moments. Radio, without benefit of looker vision, can criss-cross all over the scene, fill in with background information, sidelights and other interesting data. Principal complaint against the TV reporters was that they seemed to assume that every listener had been looking since the start of the convention, without benefit of pause for food or exercise.

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Some of the looking was worth it though. My chief memories include: 1) The look on Tom Dewey's face after Sen. Dirksen had lowered the boom on him. I have a feeling Dewey looked something like that after Roosevelt's "Fala" speech in 1944. 2) The "explosion" of Governor Fine, of Pennsylvania, when the recess motion was defeated. 3) The lanky lady in the gallery who followed a regular cut-time 1/2 rhythm pattern in her hand-clapping for Taft. 4) The little elderly gent who contributed to the fanfare by quietly waving two handkerchiefs. I missed him after the first day and Don Blanton guessed that his wife had sent for him to come home.

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Ike's biggest fight was supposed to be at Chicago. He will still have to fight hard to win, for the Democrats have large blocs of solid support and talked-of healing of the South-North cleavage would make the odds against him heighten. But Ike could have been completely cut out at Chicago, and any loyal Democrat will confide that he'd rather face Taft than Ike.

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Next comes the Democratic get-together, beginning Monday. If it lasts as long as the GOP number, I fully expect to join the specs brigade, but I'll have to look. Will the Demos be able to harmonize their differences? And will the chairman be able to clear the aisles?

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Lucky You

by Dick Shaw



Lucky you—you were careless but those in your path were not

Viewpoints of Other Editors

CARS AND DRIVERS

SALISBURY POST

Of the 60,000,000 motor vehicle operators in the United States, the 15,000,000 women drivers have been found to be less skillful but more careful than men drivers. The Lamp, publication of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, reported in a recent issue.

Driver aptitude tests indicate women maneuver on the highway with less skill than men, but accident records show they drive with more care.

In a general study of the nation's driving tastes and habits, based on statistics supplied by the Automobile Manufacturers Association and Brookings publications, The Lamp notes that of every 100 American car-owning homes, eight have two or more cars. The average motorist puts 500 hours a year behind the wheel.

Half of the nation's workers go to their jobs in private cars, and most of the things they produce go at least part of the way in the country's 8,000,000 trucks. Some items, like vegetables and milk, generally go all the way by road, and of all the pigs that go to market, nine out of 10 prefer to drive.

The Lamp also mentions that there are twice as many convertibles on the road today as there were before the war and four times as many station wagons. Drivers enjoy entertainment, as more than 15,000,000 have radios in their cars.

Half of the motorists today drive cars purchased as used cars. Seventy of every 100 drivers bought their cars within the past two years, but two of every 100 have owned cars 14 years or more. One-third of a million vehicles on the road today are surplus military equipment — jeeps, trucks, and passenger cars sold for civilian use since the war.

Of the 8,000,000 trucks, 2,250,000 are owned by farmers. The Lamp reports. There are more than 100,000 tank-type trucks carrying petroleum products.

The description, a "nation on wheels," has been applied to the United States so often it has become hackneyed, but it is more accurate today than ever.

In 1951, agricultural exports accounted for 14 per cent of the cash farm income in this country. Every third bale of cotton, every third bushel of wheat, and every third pound of tobacco produced on U. S. farms was grown for a foreign market.

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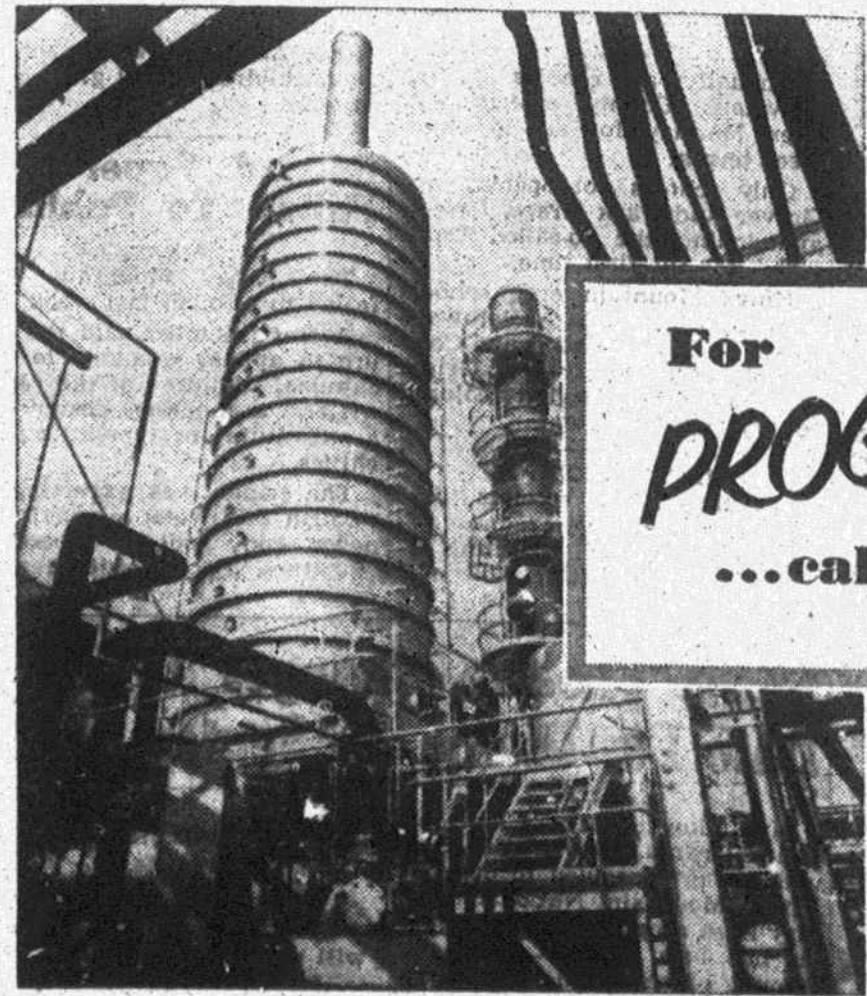
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