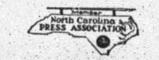


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#### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Proverbs 29:18

#### **Valid Question?**

Probably the most valid question posed at the special city board meeting last Thursday night, when eitizens with increased power bills gathered to protest the increases, was this one: Is consumption of electric power a fair basis for taxation?

The inference in the question was that the city's net profit on the power distribution operations is too great, and that the power consumers are paying too great a portion of the city's operating revenue which, on an equitable basis, should come from taxes, or some other

The question is bulwarked by the fact that the city anticipates a profit, during the fiscal year ending next June, of about \$85,000 from the sale of power to residential and commercial customers.

Hunter Allen, superintendent of the city's power department, has a mitigating answer. He says that, had the distribution system been kept in top physical condition in the past, and necessary improvements made on it in the future, the "profit" figure would not have been as great, if any.

Somewhere between the two positions probably lies the correct answer, but should the city's 1952-53 estimate of its revenue and expense in this department be proved out by the operating figures, the profit will represent 41c of every dollar the city collects in power bills, Max Miller, the electrical engineer who made recommendations for putting the system good shape and thereby to eliminate the trouble spots where some customers are getting low voltage and having other trouble due to over-loading and other defects, did not estimate the cost of these needed improvements, but copper wire. transformers, and other electrical equipment are not cheap.

The city's budget for the current year has been set up, based on the new electrical rates, and it appears that little rate change could be enacted without throwing the budget badly out-of-kilter.

However, the question on whether use of electrical power is a fair basis of taxation is one that could well be considered and examined by future boards of commissioners as they prepare forthcoming ciry inducts. Forty-one cents on the dolfar is quite a lot of "profit", and it is reasomittle to assume that no business or industrial farm in the community has ever been blessed by such a high percent-

. It is quite good nows to learn that three Kings Mountain and rural roads are on the paying schedule, for Kings Mountain is far behind in paved rural roads. From to the rural road bond program, paved rural roads were non-existent here. Highway Commissioner Grafram promised in an address here that Kings Mountain would no longer be a red-headed step-child in this department and he has kept his word.

Histories to pay county tax bills to obtain the fire (we percent discount, Some propple dang like to pay tax-bills until . the day before the penalty applies, others like to pay them at the earliest possible date. The latter group undoubtedly reasons that the smallest possible amount payable is best. Though two percent is not a great amount, if is a little.

Kings Mountain churchwomen should attend the program at First Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. W. Murdock McLeod, chairman of the United States Council of Churchwomen, will make an address.

## Nurses' Home

When the Kings Mountain hospital is blessed with a nurses' home, the physical plant will be virtually, complete, until normal usage and growth dictates further expansion, which, odds are, means some years away.

Thus it is good news that prospects are bright for the construction of a 13bed nurses' home in the near future.

Nearby quarters for the nursing staff are considered essential to the operation of a hospital for several reasons. Suitable quarters for the nursing staff saves money by cutting staff turnover and a nearby location means that additional nurses are close by for emergency calls.

Approval of the proposal by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission will mean that the state will furnish some of the funds required to build the home.

As the Herald understands it, prospects are good for commission approval because of 1) need, 2) hospital ownership of a site, and 3) in-hand funds to provide the local share of the cost.

This happy situation is not enloyed by many communities where the need is also recognized. Commendations are due the hospital board of trustees for their handling of hospital affairs and to individuals and industries who have donated funds in order that the service of the hospital could be improved and broadened.

# **Grover Tragedy**

The disastrous fire at Grover last week was a tragedy for the owners of the property involved, and it could have been much worse. The fire could have spread to other buildings and virtually have wiped out the commercial section of the community.

Almost all fires are terrible; and seldom does insurance, even if the coverage is heavy, compensate fully for the losses. Though an insurance claim covers all the physical loss, it does not compensate for the loss of earnings during the rebuilding, elessing up period, nor in case of partial damage, for the extra expense in repairing the damage.

The Grover fire was worse because insmance coverage was negligible for all. non-existent for some. Insurance rates at Grover are high, because there is inadequate fire protection.

Generally speaking, it is an old rule that purchasers get what they pay for, Grover is a small community (1950 population of 535) which has not felt itself financially able to pay sufficient taxes to provide the necessary water supply and fire-fighting equipment which, in turn, is a key to lowered insurance rates. One result has been the recent bitter experience for several citizens.

Other Grover citizens might well take a warning, for it could happen to them.

J. Lee Settlemyre is the principal professional artist Kings Mountain has produced and it is therefore quite fitting that he has been commissioned to paint the portrait of the late Miss Lottie Goforth for Kings Mountain hospital.

Our congratulations to Jim Spivey, who has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., for the coming year. The organization is a quite active one, and it's presentation of an outdoor drama is a mammoth task. The presidency is a most responsible position.

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

ed by 52 Kings Mountain men yes. hearts at their home on Cleveland terday, as this number departed Ave. last Thursday night.

that James Martin, who is known afternoon, honoring Miss Dorothy as 'Pepper' Martin, has accepted Estes of Greensboro, guest of C. Fireman's School this week in the position of Physical Educa- Miss Maud Plonk, tion Director and High School Mrs. R. D. Geforth is on a

Honoring Mrs. Vernon Crosby, Myers Department Store: new Miss Ottie: White, a recent Mrs. Claud Hambright, and James Bennett and other relabride, Misses Eoline and Jo Kee-1 Miss Eva Plonk left yesterday tives.

Uncle Sam's Army was increas, ter entertained at bridge and for a trip to New York City.

for Fort Jackson.

Supt. B. N. Barnes called The tess at three tables of bridge at Greensboro. Herald last night and reported her home on Gold Street Monday Fireman

Coach to replace Cline Farthing, buying trip to New York for

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cornwell are visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. A. Sanders and family in

Fireman Palmer Fulton and Floyd Thornburg atended the N.

Greensboro,

Pvt. Burton Bennett of Savannah, Ga, is on a ten day furlough visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs.

# MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

ngredients: bits of news visdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid

### **Fall Tingle**

Have you noticed the hint of fall in the atmosphere these mornings? The sun hasn't been beating in with the same opressive heat, though a couple of hours later all the "tinge" has gone and it's still summertime.

f-t But the lovely autumn season of the Piedmont Carolinas is not far away and there are plenty of evidences to support

The sun, moving south to ward the Equator on its southerly declinsion, doesn't rise as early and goes down quicker, reminding that Glenn Grigg, in the mid-year "hot spell", accurately predicted how long it would last. "The sun's been coming up," he said, "for about three weeks. That's when it got hot. We'll have about three weeks more, 'til it gets back to where it was".

Football practice for the high school starts next week, earlybird citizens are buying winter fuel, and though I don't know who it is, I would wager that some enterprising Kings Mountain citizen is already working on the Christmas shopping list. All are signs of autumn.

Merchants are now showing new fall clothes, particularly those who sell the lady-folk, generally accepted as the earliest buyers of seasonal merchandise. Merchants are selling it, too, which means that many a husband has some gettin'-ready to do before September 1st bills are put in the mail. Unquestionably, many a man, when he gets his bills, will yearn for the 102degree days when only thoughts concerned how to keep cool.

All just signs of autumn....

Already the emphasis is switching from keeping cool to keeping warm, and the stove merchants are reminding that people can keep comfortably warm on coldest days for practically nothing down and a few cents per week. Credit is a wonderful institution.

With the demise of summer will come the demise of the summer ant crop, which reminds that a piece of publicity on "A New Way To Control Ants" might be arriving a little late for the full season, but just in time for a part of the August reunion season. A University of Maryland scientist writes; "The insecticide, chlordane, is the answer to the ant problem. It kills by direct contact, and thus eliminates the use of poison baits and the hazard which always accompanies their use; namely, that a child or pet may a cidentally find and cat them."

for see 1st - -If the whole house is overrua, here is what to do, the professor says: "Prepare a 2 per inix I quart of 45 to 47 per cent chlordane emulsified concentrate in 6 gallons of waters and spray all outside portions of the building from the ground to the first floor window level, all window and door frames, steps, porch edges and sides, and all objects under the house, such as pillars and pipes, that may form a bridge from the ground to the house over which ants can crawl. This type of treatment has been found to keep homes, in the South, free of the pestiferous Argentine and other common household ants, for an entire season."

It sounds like a good bit of work, but I guess it would be worth it.

Random notes: The Bethware folk are getting ready for their biggest and best Bethware Fair. It's the fifth anniversary of the Fair promotion, as nice a community fair as is presented anywhere. Next Wednesday the Bethware Progressive club will entertain program advertisers at the annual barbecue, and those who have attended before won't mant to miss it

....Grover now has dial telephone service, which makes our neighbor community the envy of many Kings Mountain citizens...but Carl Finger, who now lives in Cherryville where dial phones also are the order of the day, doesn't like 'em. Like everything else, each method probably has advantages disadvantages .... But someday dial service will be installed here, as that is the pattern of the industry. Just about everybody was wishing it would rain. It's funny how, after a series of cloudbursts. folks begin to wishing it would quit ... indirect blessing of the power rate schedule changes: plenty of folk brushed up on their "figuring" for the first time in 'years.

# Lucky You

by Dick Shaw

AIR-CONDITIONING

This summer's heat waves have

sold many a person the idea that

An immediate point is the re-

port that the North Carolina Ad-

"Air conditioning in the sum

mer is just as necessary as heat

ing in the winter," says George

Cherry, state superintendent of

buildings and grounds, "It would

pay for itself in a few years be-

cause in weather like this, we are

Business and industry have al-

ready found that cooling a place

ing it in winter. First were the

lices. Many industrial plants have

This year has seen the greatest

for the purchase of air condition-

Most persons are old enough to

On July 1 ,farm wage rates,

without room and board, averag-

ed 87 cents ar hour for the coun-

try as a whole. The average in

the South was from 54 to 64 cents.

United States mills consumed a

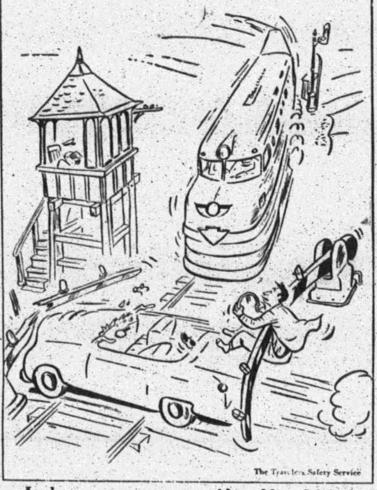
fourth less apparel and carpet

wool in the first four months of

remember when winter meant a

losing two hours of work a day.'

(CONCORD TRIBUNE)



Lucky you-you got away with reckless driving

# Viewpoints of Other Editors

ANY GROUP WITHOUT LEADERS LIKE SHIP WITHOUT RUDDERS STANLEY NEWS & PRESS

Leaders are essential in all air conditioning is no longer a orms of human activity, al. luxury. hough there are those who resent any sort of leadership. But where there is no leadership, the visory Budget Commission will eople flounder around like a ship receive the recommendation of a

at sea without power or rudder. long-range plan to air condition The Democrats went into con- all state buildings, including the vention in Chicago last month governor's mansion. The cost is with nobody in full charge, There estimated at from 10 to 12 million were various groups with their dollars, own leaders, but none was in a position to control the convention. One group was determined to "put the screws" on another group, and it looked for a while like the convention would deveop into a free-for-all.

But calmer heads prevailed. Big Jim Farley, an able politician, could be seen circulating through the convention hall. There was in summer pays as well as heat-Clinton Anderson, one-time secretary of agriculture, at work, and theaters, which found that they it was evident that Sam Rayburn, could offset the usual summer able permanent chairman of the slump by offering coolness as an convention, was wielding power added attraction. Then followed ful influence. Behind the scenes, other entertainment places, eatthe big political bosses, like Ar- ing establishments, stores, and ofvey, of Chicago, and Francis Myers of Pennsylvania, sensing the also found that increased efficienleadership vacuum, went to work. cy makes air conditioning pay. Soon the convention was under control, and the fight which

would have split the party wide appeal yet made to home owners, open was averted. This is an excellent example of ing units to cool one room or an now leadership is needed in con. entire house. Authorities predict ventions, and what is true in con. a boom in the next few years, ventions is true in boards of di- rivaling anything ever seen in rectors, clubs, fraternal orders, the way of home appliances and and other organizations where conveniences. men and women meet together!

for some worthwhile purpose. We would not condemn the ma- period of hovering around a stove neuvering of political leaders at or fireplace, suffering from the the conventions; rather we would cold, treating "colds" and other encourage more men to seek to allments of the season, thiwing fit themselves to be leaders in the frozen water pipes, complaining field of politics.

about the inconveniences, Central After all, politics is nothing heating systems and improved ore than p evailing on other units have changed all that. men to do as leaders want them It's only another step to conto do. Some accomplish this end trolling the inside temperature grough the use of patronage and and humidity in the summer as soney, but others do it through well as in the winter. That step the sheer force of personality and will be taken by a great many ersuasion. families within the next few

No greater opportunity exists years, han that which is to be found n the realm of politics and, inlirectly, government, and we need more young men learning

### Gosey, Hospitalizzed In Germany, Beter

Sgt. Harry G. Gosey, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gosey, of Kings Mountain, is improving after be 1952 than they did during the coming hospitalized for the past mon-th in an army hospital in Frank furt, Germany,

Sgt. Gosey, recently promoted to-his present rating, bécame ill in maneuvers.

His current address is: 97th General Hospital, Ward NE-300, Room 343-5, APO 757, % Post-master, New York, N. Y.

Vesicular exanthenia, the disease which has recently caused quarantine of swine shipments in several instances, does not affect cattle, sheep, other ruminants, or

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TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs, publicity that I was to give the nah River. invocation at a session of the National Democratic Convention in Chicago.

LETTERS

I regret that on account of there being only one session on Thursday my time of appearing was put off until Friday night. Some may have missed it on that account.

I don't know who is responsible for the article but I wish to make one correction. I have the honor of being the brother of A. S. Kiser instead of the uncle. Again, I thank you.

Yours truly, William A. Kiser.

Dear Mr. Harmon: Mr. Brayman is on vacation and in his absence I am taking

the liberty of answering your letter of August 2.

Your very kind words about our anniversary book, in your column and in your letter, are very much appreciated. We liked the way you reviewed the book, and that you brought out the fact A copy of your last week's pathat people from Kings Mountain per has come to my desk, I want are among those who are helping to thank you very heartily for the build the new works at Savan-

Sincerely yours, Glen Perry Assistant Director Public Relations E. I. DuPont de Nemours Wilmington, Del.

Thank you.

Enclosed find a money order (\$2.50) for full payment of sub-scription to Herald from July 28, 1952 to July 28, 1953, for Miss Frances Bridges, 2220 East 8th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina. I enjoy receiving this paper

from my home town very much.

Sincerely, Frances Bridges Charlotte, N. C.

# What's Your **Telephone Worth?**

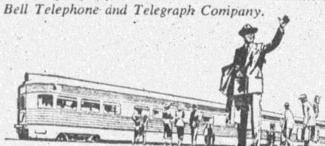
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