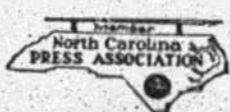




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

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 citizens 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 source.

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 in 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 city budgets. Forty-one cents on the dollar is quite a lot of "profit", and it is reasonable to assume that no business or industrial firm in the community has ever been blessed by such a high percentage net.

It is quite good news to learn that three Kings Mountain area rural roads are on the paving schedule, for Kings Mountain is far behind in paved rural roads. Prior to the rural road bond program, paved rural roads were non-existent here. Highway Commissioner Graham 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.

It's time to pay county tax bills to obtain the five percent discount. Some people don't 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, it 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.

### 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.

Uncle Sam's Army was increased by 52 Kings Mountain men yesterday, as this number departed for Fort Jackson.  
Supt. B. N. Barnes called The Herald last night and reported that James Martin, who is known as "Pepper" Martin, has accepted the position of Physical Education Director and High School Coach to replace Cline Farthing.  
Social and Personal  
Honoring Mrs. Vernon Crosby, nee Miss Ollie White, a recent bride. Misses Eoline and Jo Kee-

ter entertained at bridge and hearts at their home on Cleveland Ave. last Thursday night.  
Miss Dorothy Hoke was hostess at three tables of bridge at her home on Gold Street Monday afternoon, honoring Miss Dorothy Estes of Greensboro, guest of Miss Maud Plonk.  
Mrs. R. D. Goforth is on a buying trip to New York for Myers Department Store.  
Mrs. Claud Hambricht and Miss Eva Plonk left yesterday

for a trip to New York City.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cornwell are visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. A. Sanders and family in Greensboro.  
Fireman Palmer Fulton and Floyd Thornburg attended the N. C. Fireman's School this week in Greensboro.  
Pvt. Burton Bennett of Savannah, Ga., is on a ten day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett and other relatives.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

### Fall Tingle

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

But the lovely autumn season of the Piedmont Carolinas is not far away and there are plenty of evidences to support it.

The sun, moving south toward the Equator on its southerly declination, 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, early-bird 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 102-degree days when only thoughts concerned how to keep cool.

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 accidentally find and eat them."

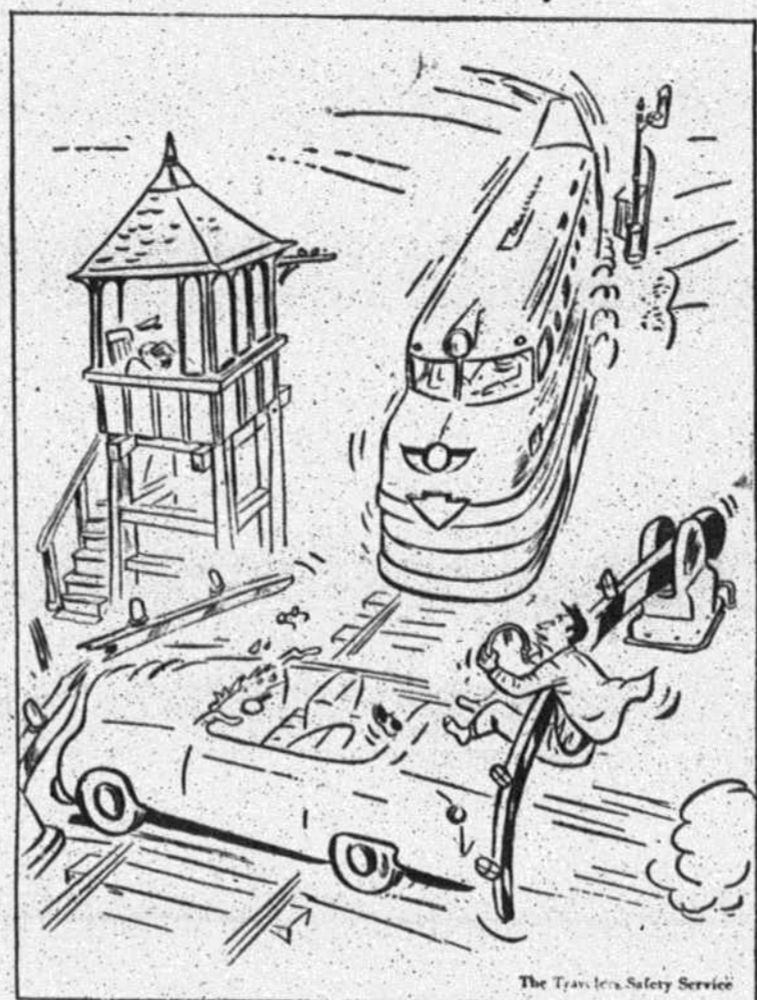
If the whole house is over-ridden, here's what to do, the professor says: "Prepare a 2 per cent solution of water emulsion—mix 1 quart of 10 to 47 per cent chlordane emulsified concentrate in 50 gallons of water and spray all outside portions of the building from the ground to the first floor window 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 want 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 and 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 wish 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



Lucky you—you got away with reckless driving

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### ANY GROUP WITHOUT LEADERS LIKE SHIP WITHOUT RUDDERS

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Leaders are essential in all forms of human activity, although there are those who resent any sort of leadership. But where there is no leadership, the people flounder around like a ship at sea without power or rudder. The Democrats went into convention in Chicago last month with nobody in full charge. There were various groups with their 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 develop 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 Clinton Anderson, one-time secretary of agriculture, at work, and it was evident that Sam Rayburn, able permanent chairman of the convention, was wielding powerful influence. Behind the scenes, the big political bosses, like Arvey, of Chicago, and Francis Myers of Pennsylvania, sensing the leadership vacuum, went to work. Soon the convention was under control, and the fight which would have split the party wide open was averted.

This is an excellent example of how leadership is needed in conventions, and what is true in conventions is true in boards of directors, clubs, fraternal orders, and other organizations where men and women meet together for some worthwhile purpose. We would not condemn the maneuvering of political leaders at the conventions; rather we would encourage more men to seek to fit themselves to be leaders in the field of politics.

After all, politics is nothing more than prevailing on other men to do as leaders want them to do. Some accomplish this end through the use of patronage and money, but others do it through the sheer force of personality and persuasion.

No greater opportunity exists than that which is to be found in the realm of politics and, indirectly, government, and we need more young men learning the art.

#### Gosey, Hospitalized In Germany, Beter

Sgt. Harry G. Gosey, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gosey, of Kings Mountain, is improving after being hospitalized for the past month in an army hospital in Frankfurt, Germany.

Sgt. Gosey, recently promoted to his present rating, became ill on maneuvers.

His current address is: 97th General Hospital, Ward NE-300, Room 3435, APO 757, Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,  
A copy of your last week's paper has come to my desk. I want to thank you very heartily for the publicity that I was to give the invocation at a session of the National Democratic Convention in Chicago.

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 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 that people from Kings Mountain are among those who are helping build the new works at Savannah River.

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

Dear Sir:  
Enclosed find a money order (\$2.50) for full payment of subscription 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. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Frances Bridges  
Charlotte, N. C.

## What's Your Telephone Worth?

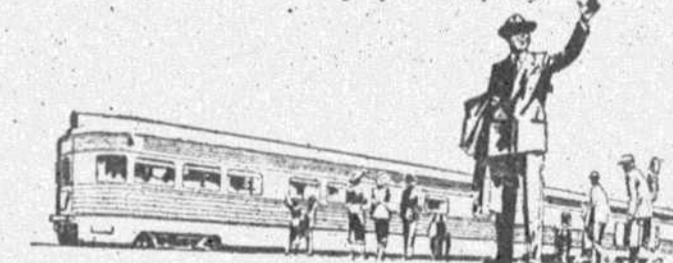
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