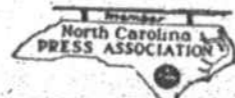




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage, Galatians 5:1.

Mr. Wilson's Troubles

Perhaps it is an innate sympathy for the underdog, or man on the hot seat, if not a sense of fair play, but the situation of recent days when the professional politicians and militarists have been viewing with great alarm due to a military budget slash of five billion dollars, this newspaper has felt a great degree of sympathy toward Charles Erwin Wilson, Big Business' biggest contribution to the Eisenhower Businessman's Government.

After all, Secretary Wilson is about as wealthy as any person of common sense and comparable age could want to be. As longtime head of one of the nation's biggest enterprises he had power. About all left for him to desire was a reputation for posterity as a man who gave great and good service to his country.

From the outcry of the politicians, and the hand-on-their-hip-pockets Air Force, one would think a thief is in the crowd.

Five billion dollars is a deal of cash, but Secretary Wilson thinks he can get almost as many planes, which would do as good a job, without the five billion.

The whole trouble is a result of getting caught short in World War II. Isolationist sentiment was very strong all through the thirties, and Congress, following the whims of the people, did a noble job of whacking military budget requests. When war came, some of the most blatant paid for their lack of vision and statesmanship with their political heads, being voted out of office at earliest opportunity.

Now the pendulum has swung the other way. A Congressman, short on time to find out, mindful of the fate of the isolationist predecessors, and buffeted by the pleas of both pro and amateur lobbyists, finds blanket support of the requests of the military the easiest way out.

Many feel that the pendulum should be moved back toward center a little way at least. Secretary Wilson says the moving distance should be five billion dollars.

Reasonable Debt

Generally speaking, many churchmen consider it good religious policy to always owe a little money.

That is paradoxical, for these same churchmen aim just as carefully, and work just as hard, toward the day of dedication that is customarily featured by the burning of the mortgage.

But the formula is right. . . . It is usually helpful to a church congregation, indeed to the businessman, to the home owner, to about anyone to have a goal ahead. The goal seems to keep the person, or group, on course. Where there is no goal at which to aim, the firing is scattered and the assets dissipated in frills that are frequently unnecessary.

Thus is good to see the membership of Central Methodist church joining the many other churches already going to work at the business of improving its physical plant.

In the instance of the Methodist neighbors, the sum involved is \$77,000, which sounds like a great deal of money. It would be for one person, perhaps, but only figures out to about \$300 per church member. That way it sounds much less.

Churches must think "big", within the bounds of good business policy. None wants to overdo the debt business for the sheriff's sale is just around the next corner. But reasonable debt is good business for churches, and for most people.

Congratulations are in order to Ranny Arnette, Richard George, and Sherrill Spears, who will represent Kings Mountain high school at annual Boys State at Chapel Hill.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

An electrical and wind storm which lasted about 30 minutes Monday afternoon did considerable damage to light lines, trees, and gardens. The storm struck about 4:30 and besides the high wind and lightning, hail, about the size of acorns, fell cutting a large number of leaves from trees. Over 100 electric light lines were broken by the high winds and around 75 street lights were put out of commission accord-

ing to City Superintendent L. C. Parsons, who stated that more lines were broken during the thirty minute period than had been broken during his entire span of 24 years with the city.
Social and Personal
Miss Ruby Falls of Gainsville, Ga. is house guest of Mrs. Paul Neisler.
Mrs. S. A. Lowery has returned from Latta, S. C. where she has been for quite awhile.

Mrs. J. K. Willis spent last week with her son, Jim Willis, in Saint Petersburg, Fla. Miss Joyce Moffett of Hickory accompanied Mrs. Willis.
Mrs. R. M. Mobely and Miss Sallie Mae Sockwell of Covington, Ga., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dilling.
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bumgardner and daughter of Elkhorn, Tenn. were recent visitors in Kings Mountain.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

June Pick-Ups

After a long dry "spell", the rains came with their cooling relief to man, beast, and plant. Now you can almost see the green corn jumping out of the ground, and the grass needs a cutting almost overnight.

J-p-u

Don't believe I'll mind a turn with the lawn mower now, after a three-week no cutting period.

J-p-u

There is an old saying among farmers that, if the farmer does his part, the Divine Weatherman will always do his, though it sometimes appears His season is running off schedule. The saying's about right, too.

J-p-u

Once upon a time, North Carolina farmers looked on grass as an evil to be attacked with hoe and plow. Now they cultivate it, paying high prices for fine seed, and regarding grass as a top crop. It's all a part of North Carolina's going heavily into the beef cattle business and we're going into it heavier, the experts say. Come to think of it, why couldn't we grow as good beef as the Midwest? Perhaps some of these days the housewives will be telling the butcher, "I want four choice North Carolina T-Bones," rather than the choice Western variety. Some may be doing it already.

J-p-u

Chatting with Methodist parson Phil Shore the other day, the conversation turned for some unknown reason to the worth of the city's power plant. The preacher asked, "Is it worth much, and if so how much?" I told him I had no idea about how much, but it must be worth something for a common variety light pole costs right much these days. We couldn't agree on pole costs, and summoned Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel to help out. Joe checked some recent invoices and finds that a light pole costs anywhere from \$25 to \$35 lying on the ground. A Class III 35-footer costs \$24.40 while a 40-footer costs \$29.30, both prices f. o. b. The installed cost of a light pole, with cross-arms and other necessities a paraphernalia, I cannot relate. Joe says used poles vend for \$7.50. I did not pursue the subject to find out how many poles the city has in the ground, but there must be a great number.

J-p-u

If my Methodist friends got a "pole" sermon Sunday, that was why.

J-p-u

Dotted notes: I've known all along President Ike looked like somebody I knew well, but until last week I hadn't placed who. Reading Time Magazine, I noticed a reprint of a picture of then-General Eisenhower, at the age of 50. The picture could easily be passed off for Charles Thomason, Jr., now of Cleveland, Ohio. If Charlie were a little older, . . . C. L. Shuping, the North Carolina Legion commander who was here last Friday night to install the post's officers, was the bass drum beater in the University of North Carolina band when I was also a member, tooting a clarinet. . . . I never knew just why I chose the clarinet to toot on, but I never had cause to regret it. I still pity the heavily-laden drummers and bass horn blowers. . . .

J-p-u

M. L. Rogers, superintendent of the old Dilling Mill here from 1921 to 1925, and since that time superintendent of Efrid Manufacturing Company at Albemarle (recently become American and Efrid) is retiring and is being succeeded by his son, Wells Rogers. . . . Wells was in high school when the Rogers family lived here and says he's always maintained a soft spot in his heart for Kings Mountain ever since. . . . Ertle Powers was smiling broadly last Saturday night, bragging about parading the Country Club golf course. . . . they say ex-Veep Alben Barkley is a \$1,000 per speech man, which sounds like pretty good pay to me. . . . professional speech-making offers a good opportunity to people with a dash of talent along that line, but it's hard work. . . . of course, it takes a big name to get the big money, and, usually, the biggest and best ones make their names in some other field, politics being one of the major ones. . . . tragically, many famous men are incoherent on the platform. . . .

J-p-u

A father I know refers to his two-month-old son as a human fire extinguisher. . . .

J-p-u

Short Court Session Held Here Thursday

A short session of Kings Mountain Recorder's court, docketed for regular Monday court hearing of June 1, was heard before Judge Jack H. White in City Hall Courtroom Thursday afternoon.

One defendant was found guilty of public drunkenness. A similar case was continued until June 15. Two capases were issued for defendants who had not appeared for trial.

Nolle prosequi with leave was taken by the State in the case of Jessie Greene vs. Dwight Greene, who were charged with larceny of two game chickens, property of Jack Payne, on June 1, pending evidence of defendant's guilt. Value of the chickens was estimated at \$40.

William Ralph Head, Shelby resident, charged with reckless driving on May 28 in front of Central school, was found guilty and given judgment of 60 days, suspended upon payment of a \$5 fine and costs of court.

Farmers have marketed larger volume of products so far this year than the same period of 1952. But with prices lower cash receipts in January-April were down 2 per cent from the same period last year.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

ACROSS

- 1—Something for the housewife with a pressing engagement
- 2—Popular home cleaner
- 11—Fastidious
- 12—Recent "comeback" musical instrument
- 14—Delicate openwork fabric
- 15—Kind of electric current
- 16—A kind of roof over the bed (pl.)
- 19—A humanitarian society (abbrev.)
- 20—Variation of the suffix "er"
- 22—Pronoun
- 23—Prefix denoting separation
- 24—A musical set
- 25—Conjunction
- 27—Combining form meaning "new"
- 28—Laden with years
- 30—Popular cheeses
- 33—Boy
- 35—Roman numeral
- 36—Ancient sun god
- 37—Latin abbreviation for "that is"
- 38—Chinese measure
- 39—Objective of the household insecticide

About the Home

- 42—Produce the crops
- 44—Honorable Homes
- 45—Nickname for a feminine relative
- 47—Public transportation (abbrev.)
- 48—Preposition
- 50—Initials of a well-known nation
- 52—Numerical
- 54—Chemical symbol for bromine
- 55—Modern food preserver (two words)
- 58—Part of every tree
- 60—Age
- 61—Injurious
- 63—Great preparations
- 64—What all housewives must strive to do economically

DOWN

- 3—A kind of dye
- 4—World's most popular food
- 6—Overcharge (abbrev.)
- 8—Kind of credit we're all interested in
- 9—Enemy of garden tools
- 10—Gardener's adversary
- 17—Special Letter Service (abbrev.)
- 18—A color
- 19—We judge gold by the number of these (abbrev.)
- 17—Soft stuffing
- 18—Washday necessity
- 21—Garden product
- 24—House-keeping essential
- 26—Male parent
- 29—Dishevelled
- 31—District Attorney
- 34—Atmosphere freshener
- 39—Kitchen container
- 40—These are green on all good gardeners
- 41—Greek letter
- 42—Condition of a popular kind of food
- 43—Blessing
- 45—Storing places for the family jewels
- 46—Popular method of cooking
- 49—State of the Union
- 51—Compass direction
- 53—Pronoun
- 54—Prison for the sailor
- 56—Medical suffix
- 57—Abbreviated railroad
- 58—Girl's name
- 59—Livingroom (abbrev.)
- 62—Liberal Education (abbrev.)

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

TO MANY DEBTS

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Any time you want to stir up a good argument a surefire subject is, "The Americans going in to debt too much?" In order to keep the competition open for amateurs, this doesn't have to refer to the national debt, merely to the extent to which most of us and the family next door have mortgaged the pay check before it arrives.

According to Department of Commerce figures, the amount of money Americans owe as individuals has increased from 24 billion dollars in 1945 to about \$4 billion dollars early this year. That, of course, takes a starting point when few cars and household appliances were available for people to buy on installments; Today the average family owes \$330 on these items, besides \$220 on personal loans and charge accounts, and the rate of repossessions for nonpayment is increasing.

Meantime, long-term mortgage debt on American homes averages \$1,265. Although total debt is more than three times as high as immediately after the war, statisticians point out that Americans do not owe much more in proportion to their incomes than they did in the late 1930's. With the "gross national product" reaching a new high in the first quarter of 1953, presumably the higher debt can be carried.

But the department's quarterly report notes that while people were making more money, they were having less and less spending more than in the last quarter of 1952. Much of this spending was adding to the installment debt. At least one Federal Reserve Bank, noting an increase in the proportion of time sales, has advised cautiousness.

As the investment houses put it to make it sound good, "This seems good time to establish a more liquid position."

Short Court Session Held Here Thursday

A sharp increase in acreage and generally good yield prospects point to the second largest spring potato crop on record. The gain over last year is 29 per cent. But prices to farmers are likely to continue much lower than a year ago.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING

LINCOLN TIMES

A headline suggests that electronic brain machines, those big calculators, will soon be doing the work of 20,000,000 men.

That comes under "It's about time" department.

For years, electricity has been taking over women's jobs at a steadily increasing rate. In fact, the modern home manager, besides being a purchasing agent, budget expert, dietitian and decorator, also has to be an amateur electrical engineer in this day of electrical living.

Electricity is used to lighten the work of the home five times as much as in 1926, and today one kilowatt hour is 60 per cent cheaper than in those days.

People with a slide rule have figured out that the electricity used in the home to do the manual chores, such as washing, and cleaning, takes the place of the work of six servants.

There are not many homes in this country, or any other, that can afford six servants these days. Electric power has meant a higher standard of living on an average electric bill of \$60 last year. At 50 cents an hour on a 40-hour week, the six servants would cost \$6,000 a year. . . . if they didn't eat a thing!

Many communities are staging Electricity for Better Living celebrations and these are some of the benefits it salutes.

What of the future? Bayard L. England, president of Edison Electric Institute, says that air conditioning, dust-proof and insect proof will be as common as radio, and the push-button equipment will be more completely automatic than is dreamed of now.

Thus the home manager will have still more time for community affairs and enjoying life.

And perhaps, with those electric brain machines, the men will have time for extra activities. . . . such as darning their own socks.

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