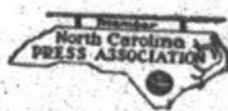




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason, Proverbs 26:16.

Little Rain Not Enough

The rains which finally arrived were freshening, but they did not improve materially the city's position in respect to an adequate water supply.

Many, many inches of rainfall are needed, and, perhaps, some good soaking snows to eliminate, more or less permanently, the prospect of a continuing water shortage.

With winter at hand, it is assumed there will be enough rainfall in the next few weeks and months to keep the city's supply at least at present levels and perhaps to increase it. However, the danger time will be next summer.

Unless the rains are sufficient to again raise the water level at city lake to a point where it is lapping the overflow trough, the city will be in for trouble in 1954, just 26 years since the city built its present plant, which many citizens at the time considered too big, too expensive, and a watershed capacity the city would never need.

Soon, the city is going to ask the citizens to approve the issuance of bonds to improve the water system. The engineer, W. K. Dickson, has stated that the dam can be elevated by 10 feet, adding 450,000,000 gallons of watershed capacity, for \$65,000. But some people ask, "What's the use of raising the dam, if we haven't got the water to go into it?" They may have a point. An allied portion of the proposed bond money would be earmarked for expanding filtering capacity, certainly important in view of the fact of 24-hour operation of the filtering plant during the recent peak water-consumption seasons.

Tones Important

Mr. Seawell, the Carthage lawyer, GOP leader, and recent GOP candidate for governor, made an interesting point the other day when he suggested that judges' charges to juries be recorded. On appeals to the state Supreme Court, he submits, the high court jurors would see not only the text (sometimes changed or re-phrased) of the judge's charge, but would hear his tone of voice, too. Mr. Seawell regards the tone of voice as highly important.

And he is eternally correct. A different inflection can put an entirely different meaning on just about any statement.

It would be a boon to the recording machine business, but it would be a justifiable expense by the taxpayers in the interests of justice, which sometimes seem a will-o-the-wisp which the courts have trouble catching.

Generally, there is some question whether a solicitor should ever be promoted to the bench, solicitors falling into the habit of regarding every man charged as guilty. But that is entirely another subject and not connected with Lawyer Seawell's worthwhile suggestion.

Senator Alton Lennon proved himself an affable, friendly, knowledgeable man in his short but busy visit to Kings Mountain recently. His expected opponent for the senatorial nomination next May is another seasoned campaigner, former Governor W. Kerr Scott, conceded by some to have the edge at the moment, but expected to be hard put to it to withstand the assault of Senator Lennon and his friends, which include Governor W. B. Umstead, and, generally, the more conservative forces in North Carolina politics. A slam-bang battle is in prospect, and Senator Lennon thinks no other candidate of major stature will be around to muddy the water.

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.

The Christmas shopping season will be ushered in Thursday, Friday and Saturday, along with the song title contest sponsored by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, according to H. L. Ruth, Association president.
Local stores are well-stocked with holiday gifts for everyone, and shoppers of Kings Mountain and surrounding vicinities are invited to visit local merchants for their Christmas needs.

Social And Personal
Miss Betty Lou Roberts became the bride of Sgt. Charles Eugene Ballard in a ceremony held at the First Presbyterian church here last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.
Miss Mary Frances Gantt, who left yesterday for New York City, was honored at a lovely party Tuesday night when Mrs. E. E. Elkins entertained at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. H. Crouch

on Gaston street.
Miss Mable Logan left recently for Washington, D. C. where she has a position with the FBI.
Miss Maude Williams of Winston-Salem spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wray Williams.
Miss Frances Barnes and Justice Painter spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Barnes.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

I didn't go, and I can't say I'm very sorry.

A chance to buy two tickets occurred on the previous day, the advertisement on the Southern Railway special looked inviting, and Halbert Webb's lack of confidence (after the Wake Forest upset of South Carolina) all combined to encourage a reluctant traveler. But I withstood both sentiment and temptation. This year I not only missed the first touchdown, as one other time happened, but all of them, as Duke trounced North Carolina for the fourth consecutive year to balance off the wonderful Justice era. But I felt a little funny, not headed east on Duke - Carolina day, for it was the first time since 1945 I'd missed one.

But 180 miles after a defeat at the hands of Duke can be mighty strung out, and particularly if there's a hurrahing Duke supporter in the party. This time I just curled up beside a nice warm home fireplace, read the evening newspaper, and doused the defeat with television, Saturday night does have some good shows, but I did dream about blocked punts, Barger scoring, that I had the mumps and some other trivia.

There's always next year, and perhaps I'll resume the treks. At any rate, congratulations to the Methodist friends for their victory in THE game.

With football over in these parts, it is now time to settle down to Christmas shopping business, which is expected to set a record this year, not only throughout the nation, but locally, too. The merchants of the Piedmont haven't been blessed with anything resembling selling weather thus far this autumn, and they think the pent-up demand, plus Santa Claus, will mean almost more business in December than they can handle.

Attention to Christmas reminds that Sylvia Porter, a newswoman who writes economics and business features out of Washington, had an interesting story Sunday past along the general theme "Women go into a trance when buying. . . ." I hardly believed my eyes when I read the stuff. Not that there was any untruth involved, but a lady's admitting it, here at Christmastime, seemed highly irregular. Of course, a husband could never say it. He can only think it, after seeing the strange apparitions called "bats," which the ladies bring home with jewelry-type price tags thereupon. A bachelor couldn't indicate it, for the sororities would blackball him. Only a woman can say it about a woman. But the actual trance is left for the male, when the monthly statements begin to arrive.

One thing I'm glad about: the modern trend of calling monthly bills "statements" rather than "duns," which was the old word for it. Though they both are statements of account, and though the between-lines meaning is "get in here and pay up," there is a difference in the shade of meaning of the words, at least in local usage. "Statement" means listing of amount owed, and many people get irked when they don't receive them and on time. But you never heard a person say, "Send me a dun," for the word "dun" usually is used when referring to accounts somewhat in arrears. Or, at least, I've found it that way.

Speaking of statements, etc., reminds that Charlie Blalock relates some interesting experiences and sights as a result of his recent motor jaunt to California. No statements or "duns" are used in Las Vegas, Nevada, the new Din of Gambling Iniquity of the nation. Charlie says there are more neon lights in Las Vegas than he ever thought existed. But the method of doing business is just like it is at Charlie's store: cash on the barrelhead. Charlie says nice accommodations were always available throughout the trip, with deluxe motor courts offering swimming pools and fancy food to attract customers, withal at reasonable prices. "There are some big towns in this country," Charlie remarked, "and a lot of automobiles. Some places they blow a siren at you for driving too fast, others for driving too slow." One thing that impressed Charlie about the West was the lack of churches. "You just don't see any much," Charlie noted. "Around here you can hardly drive a few miles through the country without passing several, some old, some new. But not out there." Maybe the lack of churches and the Las Vegas business have a close correlation.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-57 in various positions.

- ACROSS**
- 1—Shortened athletic club
 - 3—Non-playing bridge player
 - 7—Three-toed sloth
 - 9—Media of home entertainment
 - 12—Pleasure painter
 - 13—Fishing equipment
 - 15—Printer's measure (pl.)
 - 17—Food for the racehorse
 - 18—Radio is directed to this
 - 19—Vision of tennis match
 - 20—Area for agricultural activity
 - 22—Bring legal action
 - 24—Broadcasts
 - 27—Aromatic seed for the cook
 - 29—Fastener
 - 30—Ancient sun god
 - 31—College degree
 - 32—Instrument for the musician
 - 36—Canopy for the grape enthusiast
 - 39—Tolerably
 - 40—Raises in poker
 - 42—Slave
- DOWN**
- 1—Measure of area
 - 2—Popular French dance
 - 3—Perform
 - 4—Employers
 - 5—Billiard shot
 - 6—Period of time (abbrev.)
 - 7—Autumn flowers
 - 8—"That thing!"
 - 10—Prefix denoting "down"
 - 11—Articles
 - 12—The interesting part of a bridge score (abbrev.)
 - 14—U.S. "Corn State"
- Recreation**
- 43—To engage in a speedy contest
 - 44—Delicacy for the gourmand
 - 45—Tennis net-tickler
 - 47—Musical combination
 - 48—Old card game
 - 50—To nullify
 - 52—to express musically all over again
 - 55—Either
 - 56—to engage in vocal recreation
 - 57—Thus
- 20—Card gambling game (pl.)**
- 21—Makes a successful maneuver in "barnyard golf"
 - 23—to raise the ante
 - 25—Fustical feat
 - 26—A mark in bowling
 - 28—Sea eagle
 - 29—City Bowling Association (abbrev.)
 - 33—Popular kind of skate
 - 34—The body's large blood carrier
 - 36—Unpopular army detail (abbrev.)
 - 37—Fisherman's windlass (pl.)
 - 38—Housewives' tear-jerkers
 - 40—Below
 - 41—Athletic endeavor
 - 42—Latin abbreviation meaning "for example"
 - 49—Old Indian (abbrev.)
 - 50—Definitely not!
 - 51—Toward
 - 53—Degree for the graduate engineer
 - 54—Proceed

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

RECEIVE MANDATE

The presidents of Cleveland County's civic clubs in joint meeting last week gave unanimous endorsement to the proposal that this county construct a health center under the Medical Care Commission program.

Briefly, the facts stack up thus; the center, which would house the county health department, would cost a total of about \$73,000, of which Cleveland County would pay some \$23,000; State and Federal funds, as in the case of the new hospital wing and the Kings Mountain hospital, would provide the remainder; it would be constructed on land already owned by the county on the hospital property; in 20 years it would become sole property of the county; current rental and service charges for housing the health department cost the county \$275 per month, which would total \$23,100 in seven years.

The civic club presidents declared their certainty that the memberships of their respective clubs are overwhelmingly of the same opinion as they are on the health center proposal.

A GOOD BUY!

Throughout Transylvania and the nation at this time of the year an urgent plea is made for citizens to buy Christmas seals.

Here at home the American Legion auxiliary is sponsoring the '53 sale of seals, and the chairman today reports that hundreds and hundreds of letters containing colorful seals have been mailed out.

THE RHEIN MILKERY COLDS take 666 FARM BUREAU MUTUAL

FEW PEACEFUL YEARS SINCE 1918

Thirty-five years ago Wednesday the Armistice for the First World War was signed. The occasion brought much joy and celebrating, as should any move to stop a bloody war.

Since that Armistice was signed in 1918, there have been two other wars come to an end — a hot war and a cold war. The first World War, which was said to be the war to end all wars, soon saw an even longer and more destructive conflict as World War II began. Then a few years after World War II, the cold war of Korea started, and raged for several years before the signing of the recent truce.

FOG CLEANER

Only the most incorrigible Anglophile, who would not change one thing about Britain, would hope that Mrs. Jane Garner's invention fails to work. After 27 years of work on her machine, Mrs. Garner is ready for the Ministry of Supply to test her "fogga," a "vacuum cleaner" for foggy air.

The machine sucks foggy air into one end and blows it at the other defogged. The clear air from the machine creates, according to the inventor, "a cushion of pure air . . . which lifts the fog higher and higher until it dissolves."

Mrs. Garner's long and persistent work, whether it succeeds or not, refutes any opinions about a prevailing British complacency. Here is one woman not satisfied with England's peapoop atmosphere, but determined to do something about it. If it works in England, it wouldn't be a bad idea to bring some of the "air vacuum cleaners" to this country. There are many places where and many times when it could be used to advantage. — *Durham Morning Herald.*

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