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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles. St. Matthew 7:16.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE
By Martin Harmon

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

Roses are red, violets are blue
It's time again for more Valentine brew.....

But the rest of my part of the brew will be in prose, as I learned long ago poetry was not my art.

I have checked with the school folk about the bad calendar break on St. Valentine's Day for this year, the annual cupid's holiday coming on the Sabbath this year, but I would guess that Abe Lincoln will have to share Friday billing this season with the little naked cupids and their bows and arrows.

On second thought, according to the history-book reports on Honest Abe which picture him as a benign and friendly soul, I suppose Abe wouldn't mind.

Young folk get the most fun out of St. Valentine's Day. If the memory box radio beams are sending correctly. At least, the Valentine Day celebrations I remember most were those of the early grades, when everybody sent his neighbors at the surrounding desks a heartfelt greeting. The secret flame got a drippy one, and the freckled-faced, momentarily toothless lad might get one of those ludicrous funny ones.

But I remember best a fourth grade teacher's candy valentines, distributed one to each member of the class. Another was promised for the day's end, on good behavior, but when they were passed out it was passed over. I knew I didn't deserve one at the time, but I was still disappointed.

Merchants are doing a better and better job convincing sweethearts and wives that they should be remembered on St. Valentine's Day with, at the very least, a tempting box of chocolates neatly wrapped in the Valentine motif. If the swains and maids spouses of this community don't believe what I'm saying, I herewith dare 'em to come up to Sunday morning empty-handed.

While it isn't exactly a Valentine, a bit of poetry has come to this desk, from Maflida Dedmon, in the form of a piece of wrapping paper used about the turn of the century by the George F. Spelling Store, Route 6, Shelby. The copy is quite indicative of the good old days and a reminder of the time when the local store was the principal market for the farmer's output of eggs, butter, and other similar products. The legend on the wrapping paper noted, "They buy everything you have to sell and pay more for it than these other little stores."

But the poetry was pretty interesting and not unreminiscent of the aforementioned comic Valentines. Here are a few samples:

Clothing for the naked,
Glasses for the blind;
Shoes for the barefooted,
Gloves that are lined.
Curtains for the windows,
Shoestrings and laces;
Lampstands and oil to light
the dark places.
Dried fruits, canned goods,
Everything to eat.
Caps for the head and socks
for the feet.
Calico of the finest, that
never fades.
Woolen goods for dresses,
ribbons for old maids.
Tobacco for men folk, hats
for the ladies.
Toys for the children, bottles
for the babies.....

Queensware, glassware, pit-
chers and bowls,
Leather for harness, and lea-
ther for soles.
Straps and strings, buidies
and screens,
The finest of silks, and the
coarsest of jeans.

That's just the first verse,
and would make a pretty good
inventory list of what the well-
stocked 1900 store should stock
and did. It also shows how
times have changed. Few stores
carry lamps and wicks any-
more, and the old-fashioned
cracker barrel has been replac-
ed by small boxes in crisp cel-
lophane. The cheese gets cel-
lophane treatment, too.

Powder, for faces, powder
for hunters;
Axes for choppers, remedies
for grunters.
Chewing gum, candy, corset
and bustle.
The people come trading and
how we do hustle.....

There's still plenty of face
powder being sold, and the cor-
set manufacturers are still
hard at work trying to reposi-
tion calories.

Roses are red, violets are
blue,
Happy Valentine's Day to
each of you!

CROSSWORD • • • By A. C. Gordon

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5—Native of a European country
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19—Pish eggs
20—Chemical symbol for tantalum
21—The Caspian
22—Those who do
23—Musical note
25—Absent
26—Fables goods together
28—Italian city
29—The of Capri
30—Polish river
31—City with a famous tower
35—Tidal Territory (abb.)
37—Before
38—Printer's measure

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1—Let by
2—International Intelli-
gence Education
3—Man's nickname
4—Pacific island
5—Hurry
6—Chinese measure
7—Insect
8—serve
9—Prayer
10—Famous American poet
11—Narrow opening
12—Great water expanse
13—English city

The World Over
17—Favorite British beverage
18—A buck's "girl friend"
21—A Scandinavian nation
23—Native of a European nation
25—Latin "I love"
27—State of South America (abb.)
31—Period of time
32—Sea off northeast Africa
33—Enclosure
34—Those on the inside
35—A street in England
38—Roman 1003
41—Heroic
42—Elevated railways
44—One of a Mongoloid race, known for short stature
46—Suffic signifying "pertaining to"
47—An additional prefix
49—Doctor of Science (abb.)
50—Latin abbreviation for "what is"
51—Exclamation of alliance
52—U.S. "Corn State" (abb.)

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

Peach Spray Booklet To Help Growers

Tar Heel peach growers, involved in a multi-million dollar industry, are annually faced with a multitude of problems, one of the most important of which is, "What peach spray and how much?"

The latest publication of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, "Peach Spray Information," special circular No. 20, should help answer many of their problems. The 12-page, illustrated booklet is now available free through local county farm agents or by writing Department of Agricultural Information, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Prepared by Clyde F. Smith, head of the entomology faculty, and Carlyle N. Clayton, professor of plant pathology, N. C. State College, the booklet is packed with information on peach sprays in easy-to-read language. Included are discussions on insecticides for peach insect control, a peach spray program and an alternate spray program, peach tree diseases, fungicides for peach disease control and spray information for the "back yard" peach grower.

Perhaps one of the most important things to remember in any peach spray program is that the materials used are poisonous and highly dangerous. The author suggests that extreme care be exercised when handling any insecticide. This is especially true, say the authors, in the case of Parathion, EPN 300, or TEPP. In case these materials are used they warn the user not to breathe the dust or mist, keep the materials from coming in contact with the skin or eyes, and never allow any to get in the mouth.

Salesman: "A little putty knife comes out and scrapes you off the windshield."

LET'S TALK IT OVER

By: Grace & Selma

We noticed a recent news item which told of a rather irate citizen who charged up and down the main street of one of our communities, fracturing every driving regulation on the books. Hauled into court, the steaming gentleman explained loudly that it was his one-man crusade against regimentation. "Too many regulations," he bellowed.

Now, we don't know how you feel about it, but it's our belief that laws and regulations are designed for the good of all of us and that in all periods of life we are "regulated" to a certain extent.

This all brings to mind the day we saw a little neighbor boy churn past our house as fast as he could run. A few minutes later he whipped by again. More minutes and he finally huffed, red-faced and perspiring on the third lap. A few more laps and we were curious enough to walk out and hall him. "What's up, sonny?"

"I'm runnin' away from home," he gasped.

"But you've rambled around the block a dozen times," we pointed out.

"Yeah," he shouted back, "but my mother won't let me cross the streets!"

It will pay you to cross many streets to get to 624 E. King Street for ALLEN'S FLOWER SHOP is the best place in Kings Mountain for FLOWERS, PLANTS, GIFTS, and CORSAGES. Pleasing you FLORALLY is our one aim!

The Race Is On

Former Governor W. Kerr Scott, the man from Haw River, has now made it official. As the Charlotte Observer political writer noted; the worst-kept political secret since Roosevelt's third term has become public knowledge, with "survey time" over and with Mr. Scott, the tobacco - chewing farmer, formally running for the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate against Senator Alton Asa Lennon, the Wilmington appointee of Governor Umstead.

Two more candidates have already put up their money, but they are not expected to get many more votes than those of their own immediate families, a few too few in a state-wide election.

There still may be a third important candidate. The Herald's information, however, is that this third candidate, if he develops, will not be Lieutenant Governor Luther Hodges. A trial balloon for Hodges was hoisted several weeks ago, and, on the word of the man handling the hoisting apparatus, the reaction was good from everyone except Mr. Hodges. Mr. Hodges won't run, preferring to fill out his term of office and to keep his eyes well-trained on the governor's mansion for 1956.

Irregardless, as the ungrammatical would say, the entrance of Challenger Scott against Incumbent Lennon assures an interesting race that is quite likely to make temperatures of North Carolinians run hot between now and May voting day. Many families will undoubtedly find the unfortunate situation of brother cancelling brother's vote, and the subject of politics a fiery unwelcome one in the household.

Squire Scott is that kind of man. He has a tangy flavor to his talk, and both his friends and enemies are awaiting the Scott catchwords for 1954, wondering what will replace his familiar "repeal the mud tax" of 1948.

Senator Lennon, on the other hand, is a more suave, urbane person who also knows how to shake a hand, put on a smile, and doff his hat in most accepted manner. Less well-known than Scott in this section of the state, he will nevertheless have the backing of major elements of the Umstead organization which is a pretty fair head start. This means accent on campaign funds and a sizeable backlog of votes.

Spring promises the usual dose of political sulphur and lasses.

Well, Maybe . . .

Suggestion was advanced in the public prints last week from the Shelby Chamber of Commerce that said organization be expanded to include all of Cleveland County.

Presumably, the expansion would mean emphasis on membership of business and professional men in a Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce from Kings Mountain, Grover, Lattimore, Fallston, Lattimore, Mooresboro and other communities surrounding the county seat.

The goal, it was pointed out, would be providing of Chamber of Commerce services to all the county.

Initial reaction picked up here has been limited to a few "ugh's" and other grunts of the doubting Thomas variety.

There's no point in covering it. Strong rivalry between Kings Mountain, the second largest community in the county, and Shelby, the county seat, continues. Undoubtedly, Kings Mountain is envious and suspicious of its bigger neighbor on many non-justifiable grounds, but, rightly or wrongly, the suspicion remains nevertheless.

A recent case in point was the initial recommendations on hospital plant improvements. The county medical society's first report listed only Shelby plant improvement recommendations. Local members of the medical society—with Dr. W. L. Ramsaur in the forefront—and hospital trustees put the heat on and the recommendations were expanded.

Perhaps a Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce would do much to mitigate the feeling of heavy rivalry existent and to eliminate the more tangible evidence that such feeling is not always groundless.

But Kings Mountain should have a Chamber of Commerce of its own.

Our congratulations to Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., on his appointment as Kings Mountain district Boy Scout chairman. Congratulations are in order, too, to the many Kings Mountain Boy Scouts — who learn honesty, kindness, loyalty, reverence, self-reliance and the other worthwhile traits of character — as they camp, swim, bookbind, write, paint, construct and otherwise perform the many tasks up the trail of Boy Scout advancement on the occasion of annual Boy Scout Week. Parents of Boy Scouts and over-ripe Boy Scouts are well aware of the advantages of Scout training. Examples of the good being done are legend and Chief Logan deserves the full support of the community in his efforts to keep the local organization going at full speed.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey says the tax cut will be \$600 million for the business man and \$600 million for the little fellow, which he regards as an even break. But there are too many little fellows, and the cut is spread mighty thin, so thin, in fact, that many workmen found the one-half of one percent social security increase taking up their income tax decline. The Democratic suggestion of raising the personal exemption is the fairest, and also the sanest from the economic standpoint. The dollar saving would be the same for all, and most of it would be kept in circulation in the merchandise markets.

Pride Ratterree, well-known Kings Mountain native, has assumed the duties of line coach at Wake Forest College, his alma mater. Mr. Ratterree has held a similar position at Lenoir-Rhyne College and has been highly praised by his superiors for his good work. Our congratulations to Coach Ratterree on his promotion.

The community's sympathy is extended to the family of Earl Bumgardner, a good citizen, who died suddenly last Friday.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

J. G. Darracott has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association to succeed Hilton Ruth who has served during the past year.

In observance of National Boy Scout Week, the annual banquet will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club building with the Lions and Kiwanis clubs uniting with Scout leaders to make the affair a success. Dr. Carl E. Rankin, superintendent of the N. C. School for the Deaf at Morganton, will be guest speaker. Social and Personal

Mrs. Zoe Kincaid Brockman of Gastonia was guest speaker at a meeting of the Woman's club here Tuesday night.

The marriage of Miss Mary Foust Plonk and William Rhodes Weaver of Chapel Hill was solemnized on Wednesday evening, February 3.

Mrs. Rufus Plonk entertained members of the Thursday Afternoon Book club and invited guests at her home in Bessemer City last week.

Pvt. John L. Ervin, USA, stationed at Fort Bragg, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Lila Ervin. He had as his guest, Cpl. James Moody, also from Fort Bragg.

SOUND ALLIANCE

One of the most significant alliances between Shelby and Cleveland County took its first formative step last night when the local Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted to sound out the possibilities of making the Chamber a county-wide function.

Further development along the county - community line of co-operation will await study and discussion between rural and urban peoples but the seed has been planted and, judging from indications from throughout the County, the harvest will be bountiful.

The idea behind any movement tying Cleveland together is that the County recognizes its need for promotion and further recognizes the very real strength in a combined effort.

Any successful effort that brings county and community people together for a common purpose is sound. It is founded on the fact that any development in any part of the county benefits all other parts of the county. When this effort is formed solely for the purpose of giving voice to a promotion effort by Cleveland, the potential is doubled.

The Star has long thought that regular meetings should be held in some organizational manner between representative groups throughout the county.

We see the proposal made at last night's Chamber meeting as a means of making progress toward almost every facet of County development, including rural fire protection, diversification of agriculture, and, primarily, the establishment of new industrial employment locally.

The effort deserves the thoughtful consideration of every Cleveland citizen. — Shelby Daily Star

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

What's on your mind? Do you get burned up at something that happens or at what someone says every once in a while? Do you sometimes feel that some project or person, such as a conscientious public official, deserves a public pat on the back? Would you like to take issue with any of our policies, or with what we say in our editorials?

If so, write a "letter to the editor." So long as you don't say something a libelous nature about someone, which could get you — and us — sued, we will be glad to print it. If you feel the inclination, you are welcome to take the hide off us in your letters — we will print a letter denouncing us and our works just as freely as one backing our policies.

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should roll up its sleeves and go after new business. It's nice not to have to, and be able to sit back and have it come to you, but times like that cannot last always.

Our country grew great on hustle and bustle and competitive buying and selling. But in recent war years, living in a so-called war economy, with money plentiful, we have grown accustomed more or less to sitting back and watching the business and the money roll in of its own accord. When it stops rolling, then it is time to go back to work again.

So rather than cry depression, and blame the administration for its power, and think up other excuses, why not just roll up our collective sleeves and go back to work?

Like we once did. — Elkin Tribune.

MAYBE THE TIME IS HERE AGAIN

There was a time — and in the very recent past — when the automobile dealer didn't have to worry about new car sales. But it would appear that the time has come when things are not like they once were in the new car business. And in many cases no doubt, this is a situation that is causing considerable worry to the dealer and car salesman.

However, when you get right down to it, maybe this is the time when folks should get back to work again.

Robert S. Armacost, president of the National Automobile Dealers' association, told the nation's car dealers recently that 77.6 per cent of the national population had not been solicited by car salesmen, either in person or by telephone. Armacost also said 17,000,000 U. S. families do not own automobiles.

This seems surprising to those of us who are inclined to think almost every farm family has a car or truck. But the auto dealer official pointed out that 37 out of 100 farms are without an automobile, while 66 out of every 100 are without trucks. These figures, he said, are a challenge to all the retail dealers of the country, and he believes the retail dealers can spur sales of new cars by intensive effort to sell motor vehicles.

As we see it, what the auto dealers' association president really believes is that new car salesmen will have to go back to the old-time selling methods and hustle up deals, rather than wait for the customer to come to him.

And as this is true in the auto business, it can be just as true in other lines. When things seem to level off and business is not as good as it has been, rather than wring one's hands and talk about how hard things are, business

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