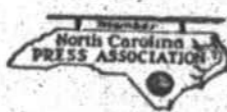




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised. Proverbs 12:8.

Tax Bill Big Enough

Though he couched it in the general alternative of the possibility of more income or less services, Governor Umstead's suggestion that more taxes are going to be required to operate the state government must have made unpleasant reading for many North Carolinians who feel that state taxes are quite sufficient in a period when emphasis is on paring tax bills, not increasing them.

Governor Umstead made his remarks in connection with a comment on the short 1953 take of income taxes, which fell \$3.5 million below estimates.

The report on income taxes reminds, of course, that North Carolina's tax structure is geared to return high income in boom times and small income when the economic situation is poor. The inherent nature of the system, therefore, means that sometimes the state eats pretty high on the hog, a situation that has existed more or less, since the introduction of the three percent general sales tax in the early thirties.

Many will interpret the governor's statement as a prelude to a stepped-up campaign to get the General Assembly to raise rates in existing taxes and, perhaps, to levy new ones. In 1953, some pressure developed to expand the sales tax to certain products not now taxed, but the General Assembly contented itself with making optimistic estimates of revenue gains from existing tax schedules.

Even so, the legislature issued some bonds for permanent buildings and endorsed the two other big issues, which were subsequently voted by the people. Another trial balloon is being advanced which suggests another road bond issue, this time for primary arteries, and that, too, would be accompanied by another tax increase on gasoline.

It is natural that Governor Umstead and the people who run the state government desire to continue and to improve and to broaden state services. The men in the saddle want to have the necessary means to say "yes" to requests for services.

However, at a time when, at best, the nation is in a period of leveling off from its long-term boom, it does not seem apropos to be talking about new and additional tax levies.

Perhaps by the time the General Assembly convenes in January, the leveling will be over, state revenues will be coming in at higher rates, and the situation will be different.

It is a generally accepted thesis that more good for the tax dollar is obtained the closer to home its paid, which means folk would rather send tax checks to Raleigh than to Washington. But new tax and more tax talk won't be too pleasant to anyone among the vast rank and file of the state's taxpayers.

Thus far, reports on the Red Cross fund campaign have been few and far between, and the total of funds collected is considerably insufficient for the proper operation and continuation of this worthy agency. Totals from many of the larger contributors have not yet been reported, but those who have not yet made their contribution should attend to this important matter at once.

Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Speidel, who are leaving the Kings Mountain Country Club to assume the management of a club at Rocky Mount. Since the Rocky Mount club is much larger than Kings Mountain's, the appointment is a promotion and one that is deserved. At the same time, the club regrets the loss, for it has enjoyed good management during the 30-month tenure of Mr. and Mrs. Speidel.

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.

Hon. J. Roy Jones, Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of South Carolina, has been secured for the annual Lions club Farmer's Night program to be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Woman's club building.

Society Monday.
The Senior Choir of Central Methodist church will render a sacred cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" on Palm Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Social and Personal
Miss Virginia Dare Logan and Charles Patterson Sams, Sergeant, United States Army, were

united in marriage in the First Baptist church at Boise, Idaho, on Friday, March 24.

Cpl. Billy Throneburg of Arsenal, Maryland, visited his parents here over the weekend.

Lt. W. G. Anthony, who is stationed at Sioux City, Iowa, is at home on leave with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Anthony.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Smart folk will be afraid of their shadow today.....

It's April 1, or April Fool's Day, meaning the prank day is here again, and that young minds — and perhaps some older ones too — will be dreaming up mayhem for all and sundry.

The medicinal reference library fails to shed much light on the origin of the holiday observance, but note is made of an "April Fool" as one who is made sport of, I have known the definition to take a different twist, to wit: one who makes sport of.

At any rate, April Fool has been an institution for many a day. As I recall, my first April Fool bite was on the old saw, "Your shoe's untied." But there were many bites — and pranks — after that simple and undamaging beginning.

Many a fall I've taken as a team of youngsters "operated", with one as fence and the other as pusher.

But my main memory of April Fool was a disinclination to attend school one April 1st many moons ago. This short-lived fun I paid for dearly. Two hours "stay-in" after school for three weeks was the punishment meted out, which was bad enough, but the parents imposed a similar curfew at the homestead. No gambling at the drug store, which, to a high school boy, must be something like solitary confinement to a jailbird. I, and the several other pranksters, drew a parole at the end of five days (due, I suspect, to the growing suspicion among the faculty that the "stay-in" was hard on them, too), and I learned a lesson: it's all right to play April Fool pranks, but don't be an "April Fool".

Somewhere in April Fool's Day history there must be a connection between the prankstering and spring, for certainly the lazy days of spring must have something to do with the revolt against reason, rule, and convention. Just as spring makes a fisherman's mind start demanding that he hold a line, thus spring and April seem to demand activity and freedom.

I haven't played an April Fool prank in years, but the Herald might have had a good one, had Pete Barkley been a week later opening officially his new food store on York Road.

Readers who noted a faint, or not-so-faint, heady aroma emanating about the house last week need look no further, for the odor was embedded in the Barkley advertisement. Some nasty looking stuff Cecil Ball, the Cashmere Bouquet soap salesman, furnished was mixed into the ink, the idea being to make Pete's advertisement stand out more and to remind the lady reader to pick up the free orchid Pete was offering feminine visitors.

Whether the desired effect was achieved I have not heard as this being written, but there were some other effects, nevertheless.

Pressman Paul Jackson's experience was a sample. Paul went home Tuesday night, after working late, and by that time personally was immune, reasonably, to the heavy perfume which filled the print shop. In addition, he benefited by the cool, night air.

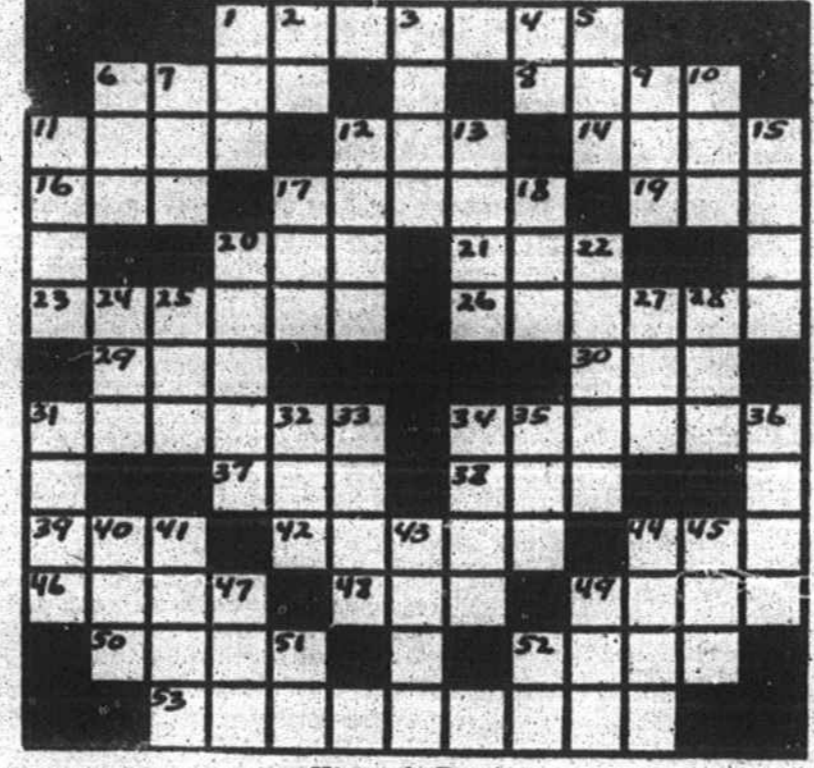
But he had hardly parked his hat until his wife wanted to know, "Where you been?" "Nowhere," Paul replied innocently. "Just at work."

"No you haven't either!" was the stern rebuttal.

It took considerable persuading, Paul said, to establish the facts of the case.

From reports reaching the Herald, similar difficulties occurred in other spots. Should there be a next time, proper warning definitely will be given. However, since the staff almost succumbed from asphyxiation, it is not likely that suggestions for perfuming ads will be accepted with favor in the future.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MARTIN LUTHER—A MAN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

The film "Martin Luther" is by all odds the most exciting movie we have ever seen, because it portrays with rare technical and dramatic skill the story of the man whose unflinching courage in pursuit of truth freed the conscience of each of us.

"I will tell you what I think, I have the right to believe freely, to be a slave to no man's authority," Martin Luther declared. On that conviction he stood, at the risk of his reputation and of his very life. "No man can command my conscience," Luther cried and he was outlawed, "free to be hunted, seized, — then to be done to death!"

He has rightly been called "the man who changed the world—forever!" And not one of us does not share the heritage of this supremely honest and courageous man; freedom to think, freedom to believe, freedom to worship as our conscience tells us.

BILLY GRAHAM MAY REPAY A DEBT THROUGH SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

Billy Graham, the North Carolina revival preacher who has come to be recognized as one of the great religious leaders of this country, has taken England by storm.

When it was announced that he would conduct a revival in England, the reaction of many readers as well as the newspapers in that country was very unfavorable. It appeared shortly before he arrived in London that his campaign might fall flat.

But he approached his task in such a manner as to win the support of the newspapers quickly, and at the end of three weeks, attendance and decision records were broken. All the newspapers, with the exception of a Communist organ, are supporting him. One characterized him as an "honest, likeable and happy man with a strong power for good."

Spiritual life in England has been at a low ebb. Battered terribly in the last war before she had fully recovered from World War I, this once-proud nation has been faced with tremendous problems. While Churchill is a powerful leader, the nation needs younger men in positions of responsibility. The bitter hopelessness of the outlook has naturally had an adverse effect on the spiritual and moral life of the country, and only about 15 per cent of the population make any pretense of supporting the church.

IN RESOLUTION AGAINST SECRECY, STATE'S TEACHERS HAVE RENDERED PEOPLE A SERVICE

Members of the North Carolina Education Association meeting in Raleigh last week adopted a resolution opposing secret discussions of public school business. It read:

"The Association also believes that the public schools belong to the people, that public education is everybody's business and that we should continue to teach the American concept of Democracy — namely, that all discussions pertaining to the business of the schools, both on the local and state level, should be open to the public.

"The association, therefore, will encourage and promote meetings and discussions so that the people may know not only the 'what' but also the 'how' and 'why' of all decisions affecting our public schools."

This is further evidence that, at long last, there is a growing re-velution against secrecy at all levels of government but more particularly of that sort which was legalized by intemperate action of the 1953 session of the General Assembly.

North Carolina's teachers have a dual role. As citizens of North Carolina they are "the people who have a right to know" what is going on when the public's business is under discussion.

They are also charged with the responsibility of teaching nearly a million children in North Carolina; citing to them the basic tenets of our democracy.

In its February issue, the editor of "North Carolina Education" quotes passages from two basal texts now used in North Carolina high schools. The quotations support the contention that teachers ARE teaching "in good faith to their children the blessings of a democracy in which public officials elected by the people conduct public business in full view of those who elected them."

"Calling All Citizens," one of the texts says: "When the right of citizens to read and hear is denied, there is no way of finding out what the majority wants. Then there is no democracy."

Another text, "Challenges to American Youth" says: "The truth shall make you free! But how are we to know what is truth? Only by hearing all sides of a question before passing judgment. . . . This is one of the priceless heritages of our form of government, to be guarded zealously against any infringement from within or without."

The editorial then goes on to ask how long, in good conscience, teachers can continue to accept these tenets at full value when a secrecy law continues to tarnish the Statutes of North Carolina.

The people are speaking more forcefully now than they did slightly more than a year ago. They are beginning to realize, in greater numbers than ever, that the fight against secrecy is their fight and not that of a small group of newspaper people as some secrecy adherents would have them believe — Chatham County News.

A man may let his wife go to church "for both of us," but usually he prefers to do his own golfing and fishing. — Omega, Ga. News.

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