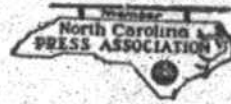




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. St. Luke 10:5.

Real Needs

The county will vote soon on some highly important matters important to its present and future welfare.

The indicated date is June 12 for the citizens' decision on borrowing \$2,500,000 to build schools, \$220,000 to build hospital additions here and at Shelby, and \$30,000 to build a county health center. In the matter of the hospitals and health center, the construction is an especial bargain, since state and federal government supplements will supply about two-thirds the total construction cost.

In addition, the citizens will say "yes" or "no" on upping the allowable tax for hospital operations from five to eight cents per \$100 valuation. For the year ending June 30, the hospital levy is 3.75 cents.

Persons familiar at all with the problems of school population are aware of the great need for additional classrooms and indeed, of the inadequacy even, of the \$2,500,000 bond issue. Of the total, about \$300,000 would go to the Kings Mountain school district, with other Kings Mountain area schools in the county system, at Grover, Bethware and Park Grace, also receiving needed sums.

The hospitals both here and at Shelby find their facilities greatly over-taxed at peak periods. Kings Mountain hospital, for instance, had a half-hundred patients on Saturday night and had to park many of them in the hallways, for only 36 beds are normally available. And a Kings Mountain physician familiar with stork operations said the over-crowded situation would continue throughout April.

The health center proposal has less popular support, but, with the county now renting quarters for this purpose, it would seem a good business proposition to build a health plant, particularly since funds from other agencies will bear the greater portion of the cost.

The foregoing covers the situation as it exists today, without any population projections into the future. With normal growth the necessity for handling these two major functions of government with present plants — education and medical care—loom more and more difficult.

It appears that the matter of arranging a date for the election, in view of the proximity of the May 29 primary and the possibility of a second primary on June 26, is difficult and school folk undoubtedly would have preferred to have schools in session when the voting takes place. But Cleveland County, customarily conservative, has also a record of being conservatively progressive, and it is likely that Cleveland citizens will continue this record by voting favorably on these questions when voting day arrives.

The needs are not enshrouded behind a dark glass but protrude at almost every nook and corner.

A cordial best bow to Rev. P. D. Patrick who has been re-elected to his 15th term as chairman of the inter-denominational Bible-in-the-Schools committee. The task of getting up the money to run this program is not as easy as it ought to be, and Mr. Patrick's willingness to continue in the position of top responsibility is a credit to him.

If the slashes on the excise taxes have the effect expected by many, the federal government's tax take will be little impaired, due to increased sales of many of the items. Furriers, for instance, are expecting a boom, and it is easy to see what ten percent off the jeweler's wedding set might do for the marrying business. Males are probably lucky it isn't Leap Year.

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.

Ten candidates have filed with W. L. Angel, chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Elections, indicating officially their intention of entering the Democratic primary on May 27.
Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist church of Charlotte, will address members of the Ki-

wanis club at their meeting this evening at 7 o'clock at the Woman's club.

Social And Personal
The Fine Arts Department of the Woman's club will meet next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. M. Gantt. Vernon Lee Owensby celebrat-

ed his 10th birthday anniversary Monday evening and was honored at his home at a party.

Mrs. Humes Houston of Winona, Miss., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Suber. Miss Peggy Baker, student at Greensboro college, was a recent visitor at her home here.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

If this column still carried a title I would name it "April comments", or something general like that. However, today's situation is precisely the reason the title plan was dropped. At least four or five times a year it doesn't suit to devote a lone theme, and many times the situation occurs in spring.

Needless to say, the birdshot situation is closely connected with spring fever and failure to take sufficient sulphur-and-lasas, a project I ceased as quickly as growing pains ended, but which may have been efficacious nevertheless. I haven't asked the medicos, but I wonder if the old sulphur-and-lasas business wasn't a worthy grandpappy of the little white sulphur pills they prescribe these days.

Spring seemed finally to arrive over the past weekend, but it came too late. The oil man had to be summoned to both hot spot and domicile in the last week of March, which means I've got more fuel inventory than I like to carry through the summer months. Thus far, I've been able to elude the coal man, but the bin is getting low.

It's quite pleasant to see the baseball box scores reappearing in the newspapers around, and in the Herald as well. Football is great and basketball fine, but baseball's the best of all.

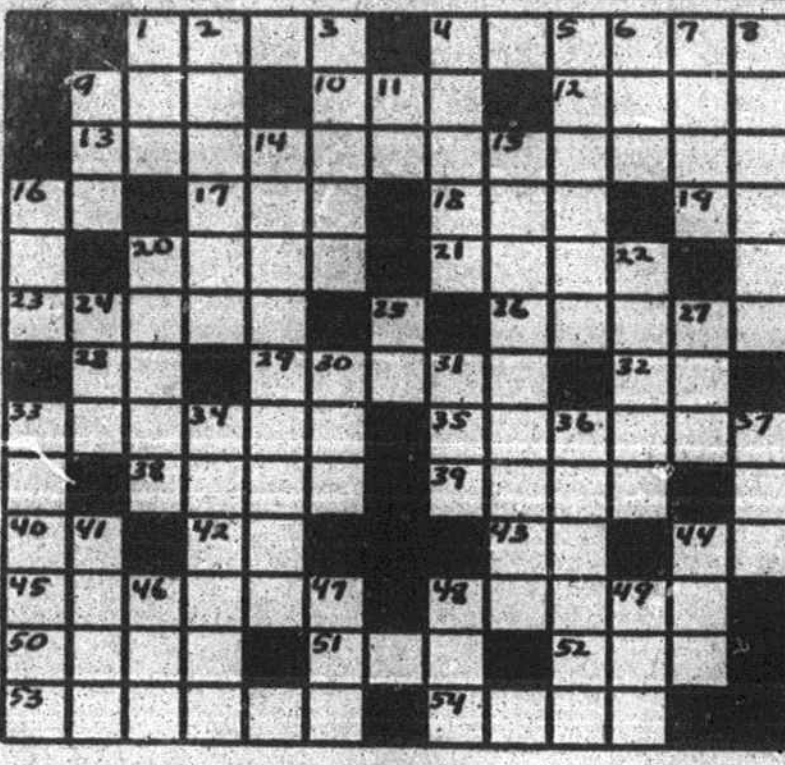
Another sign of spring was the appearance of the riding devices here last week, a sore subject with Amos Dean, the Buick dealer, who went to work one morning and found a merry-mix-up blocking his back door. The city board, incidentally, edicted against in-city rides last Thursday night, but the young folk were giving 'em a pretty good play. Actually, appearance of the riding troupe must have seemed like old times to many folk, for that lot was onetime frequently used for visiting carnivals. I remember two in particular. One featured riding devices, and I spent every dime I could get on the merry-go-round imitating Ken Maynard, Hoot Gibson and cowboy heroes of the era. Changing mechanical gallopers while the merry-go-round was moving was rare good sport.

Another visitor was a medicine show which held forth for several nights and relieved many a man with the proverbial brick in his stomach of shiny green dollars for the black elixir that was guaranteed to cure everything from chilblains to backache. The darkfaced minstrel men were pretty good, but I didn't have the money to buy the elixir. That was in the late twenties when Jack Dempsey, then Gene Tunney, was heavyweight boxing champion, and when men's wallets were much bigger than they are now, to accommodate the much bigger bills of that era. Today's greenback is a midget compared to the old one.

Springtime is driving time. Car sales boom and highways get clogged as fet begin to itch and the desire to move, just anywhere, becomes impossible to resist. One of these days U. S. 29 is going to be a very fine highway, though there is a very bad stretch — soon to be eliminated — between Kannapolis and Salisbury. If possible, it is now worse than the old strip between here and Gastonia, prior to the added lane. Many people are already using the new stretch of highway from Grover to Lyman, S. C., even though the signs at Grover clearly indicate "stay out". But there are no such signs at the Lyman end.

April notes: George H. Mauney has a city block-size tract at the East Kings Mountain city limits he's subdividing for home sites at a reasonable tariff. . . . and Arthur Biltchell has an interesting "floor plan" for his orchard, now about to hit full bloom. . . . "Green thumb" folk are plowing gardens, putting in the seed and making things look good, but unless someone takes pity on the medicinal department it'll have to stay with Birdseye, Dulaney, and the other frozen food fellows. . . . maybe Hill Carpenter will help me out. . . . Byron Keeter went to Charlotte for the Stevenson speech. . . . last week end's balmy breezes proved a boon to merchants, as many started completing Easter wardrobes. . . . Eastertime is dress-up time the nation over, and particularly for the little folk. . . . the old site of Leon's Cabin, more recently Absher's Grocery, will be the office of Lithium Corporation of America. . . .

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1—Characteristic attitude
 - 4—To feel over
 - 9—Beast of burden
 - 10—Tribe of Burma and Siam
 - 12—Great Lake
 - 13—Public road
 - 14—Sail
 - 17—Grain container
 - 18—American tourist or politician (abbrev.)
 - 19—Man's nickname
 - 20—Ordered
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 - 22—Mohammedan prophet
 - 26—Key of Madras
 - 28—Very Reversed (abbrev.)
 - 29—Containers
 - 32—Comparative suffix
 - 33—The wrist
 - 35—Bear witness
- DOWN**
- 1—Tree
 - 2—Meteorological line
 - 3—Rocklike matter
 - 4—Swallowing movement
 - 5—To supply with a new front
 - 6—Day
 - 7—Ireland
 - 8—Sea like channel
 - 9—Partook of food
- Generalities**
- 11—Chemical symbol for gold
 - 14—Laughs at mockery
 - 15—Proven rain storm
 - 16—Exclamation of disgust
 - 20—Tricky seed covering
 - 22—Arabian chieftain
 - 24—Flag
 - 25—Risks
 - 27—Ancient Chaldean city (now)
 - 30—Inquire
 - 31—Auditory organ
 - 33—Meeting of a party's leaders
 - 34—Small city situated on a river
 - 35—Animals tractable to man
 - 41—Girl's name
 - 42—Limb
 - 43—Blind
 - 47—Census
 - 48—Day of wine
 - 49—Doubtful eat

Viewpoints of Other Editors

VISITING AT THE HOSPITAL

Generally speaking, it might be said that the hospital is no place to go visiting or calling on friends. Of course there is a place for, and a time for, visiting and the calling should be designed solely for the good of the patient, and not for the entertainment of the visitors. Sick people who are much sicker don't need visitors. Cards, letters, flowers, and remembrances in one way and another, are all fine and good, but too much and too frequent personal appearance can have the opposite effect.

There are patients in the hospital always, ambulatory and otherwise, who are not serious sick and who can receive and enjoy company. But there are others who are too ill to be pestered. There are circumstances too which often make it inadvisable to go visiting at the hospital too much. If three or four patients are being cared for in the same room, and one is not too ill to have company, there may be another in the same room who is in no way able to have people milling around and talking in the room.

All hospitals have this problem to deal with. It is a problem at the local hospital. Effort is made to control it, to keep it from getting out of bounds. But oftentimes the hospital is powerless to do much about it. Then it becomes a matter of good conscience and of consideration for the sick and for the hospital staff who may be hampered and hindered in caring for the sick and carrying out their duties. A good plan is to think twice before going to the hospital and if we go let's not stay too long. Let's not "gang up" on the sick in twos, fours, sixes, and sometimes larger numbers. — *Laurinburg Exchange*

REAL MEN IN THOSE DAYS

There seems to be a school of thought, evidenced at hearings and discussions on juvenile delinquency, for instance, that today's youngsters lack the standards and abilities of their fathers. It's not a new idea. Men have held it, probably, since they lived in caves. When you look at youngsters of today and say, "Now when I was young," you're saying what your father said to you, and his father to him, and so on.

Irwin Edman, the writer and philosopher, touches on this theme in the current issue of *American Scholar*, Phi Beta Kappa magazine. And he recalls the story of an outbreak in Rartmoor Prison in England a few years ago. The chairman of the royal commission went to the prison to see what was wrong. He interviewed an old man who had been in the prison for years. What caused the trouble? "Well, sir," said the old man confidentially, "I have been a member of this prison, man and boy, for 40 years. I think, sir, I may properly claim to call this place my home. Now some says one thing, sir, and some says another. But, it's my belief, sir, we're not getting the stamp of man in 'ere we used to." — *The Milwaukee Journal*

AND WHO IS TO SAY?

"A university should have on its faculty members representing as many respectable viewpoints as possible." That statement was made by Victor S. Bryant of Durham, members of the executive committee of the University of North Carolina board of trustees, in a speech in Raleigh last week. Discussing academic freedom, Mr. Bryant vigorously upheld the necessity for the teacher to be free, in research, in thought, and in teaching. He added that intellectual stimulation, and thus progress, results from the clash of conflicting viewpoints, rather than from conformity in thinking.

He left unanswered two questions: But Mr. Bryant would confine those viewpoints to "respectable" ones. What is a "respectable" viewpoint? And even more important, WHO is to say which viewpoint is respectable and which is not? The questions are important for all of us, not just for those on college campuses, because many of today's generally accepted ideas were considered anything but "respectable" when they first were voiced. — *Franklin Press*

A BOSS HAS GOT A RIGHT TO KICK

Events in the past year go to prove that it all depends upon which side of the fence you are on in this matter of folks firing other folks. When Truman fired MacArthur and when Scott fired Coltrane it was a heinous situation to plenty folks. Now Eisenhower has booted Manion and Unstead has kicked a lady off the Prison's Advisory Board. We can see little basic difference between the reasoning of Truman, Ike, Scott, or Unstead in any of the cases. The only thing foolish in the situation was the way some folks got so heated about the entire thing.

If we had to choose between the cases, however, we would still pick Truman and Scott as the men with more cause for their actions. Both booted underlings who were doing their damndest to undermine the program decreed by the chief. The Ike case against Manion and the booting of Mrs. Kate Johnson by Governor Unstead are cases of folks who were paid to criticize being booted for doing just that. Both Mr. Manion and Mrs. Johnson were serving on commissions the function of which was to study, criticize, and make recommendations — recommendations that might or might not agree with the ideas of the boss. But in all the cases, the boss still had the right — even the duty — to exercise his booting privilege if he so desired or thought it necessary. — *Bertie Ledger Advance*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator for the estate of Thomas W. Sellers before the Clerk Superior Court for Cleveland County, all persons are hereby notified to file their claims with the undersigned on or before the 6th day of April, 1954 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 6th day of April, 1954. Mrs. Wilma Sellers, Administrator for the Estate of Thomas W. Sellers, Davis and White, Attorneys. 4-5-13

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