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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivereth from death. Proverbs 10:2.

Firing Opens

President Truman opened fire last week on the Republican party in his address to Congress in what was the first official shot of this year's battle for the presidency.

It must have been a pretty healthy shot for it brought plenty of wails from the enemy and even surprised some of his Democratic compatriots.

Mainest blow was the tax policy Mr. Truman recommended which would give every individual a \$40 cut on his 1948 tax bill, plus \$40 for each dependent. The real shocker was that Mr. Truman wants to replace this estimated \$3,200,000 by adding to the tax bills of the corporations.

This latter part was purely political and has been damned as such by the enemy, which, of course, will be pulling similar stuff in the near future. As a political play it wasn't bad. Mr. Truman could expect no votes from the big corporations anyway, and this proposal was not of a kind to alienate any of his present friends. Meantime, the \$40 cut for everyone was designed to solidify the popular support of the average wage-earner who would be benefitted little by the proposal of Congressman Knutson, and none by the community property principle which the Congress will most certainly enact in any tax bill.

Mr. Truman's proposal to raise corporate rates has absolutely no chance of being enacted into law. Corporations, even though they made unusual profits in 1947, are already heavily taxed, actually double-taxed. Corporations pay a tax on profits. Then, dividends paid to stockholders are also taxed.

However, Mr. Truman's \$40 proposal is a good one. It gives relief where it is needed most, on the level where cost-of-living is the big problem. Obviously a family of four making \$3,000 annually need a \$160 reduction badly. However, with a big surplus looming this year, it seems reasonable that the debt can be cut and still remove the three-plus million take from the Treasury.

The most enheartening statement in the presidential address, however, was the fact that the federal payroll had been cut from 3,750,000 persons to 2,000,000 since mid-1946. Most citizens will appreciate the cut, and point out that several more slashes would be in order.

When a big city bank like the New Orleans Mid-City-Hibernia gets robbed of \$114,000 it makes bankers in small cities shudder. It seems that the trend to lawlessness which followed World War I is returning and it behooves police departments everywhere to batten down their hatches with the most stringent defensive measures.

Political Notes

Speaking of politics, it's about time for some action locally. It is only four months until North Carolinians will be going to the polls to choose county and state Democratic officers, which means the Election in this fair state.

Developments over the weekend indicate that the contests for state offices may not be too interesting.

Lt.-Gov. L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, who has been running for governor for several years, took the occasion of the surprise announcement by W. Kerr Scott, that he (Scott) would not be a candidate for re-election as commissioner of Agriculture, to switch in the middle of the stream and decide he could do as much, if not more, for the Commonwealth, as Commissioner of Agriculture. And Brandon Hodges, of Asheville, who had been rumored as a candidate for lieutenant-governor, has suddenly announced he will run for the post of State Treasurer, which Charles M. Johnson is leaving to seek the governorship.

On the governorship, it seems Mr. Johnson is far ahead of the field, which includes only Mayne Albright and Oscar Barker, neither of whom have had the benefit of long contact with all the citizens of North Carolina. For lieutenant-governor, Senator H. P. Taylor, of Wadesboro, will get a big boost out of the Hodges announcement.

It thus appears that the politicians will be able to concentrate on the Umstead-Broughton tiff for the U. S. Senate, which is almost sure to be a rip-snorter. Maybe that will be enough political diet in this busy year.

Home-building was big business last year and is going to be this year. Residential construction still forms one of the biggest industry backlogs. Incidentally, a home is something a man can take a financial beating on and still not be too bad off. A home, even though the cost is high, has never been a bad investment. It makes the owner take a greater pride in himself and in his community. It makes him a better citizen.

Another old Herald plank which gets no action is the contention that Kings Mountain needs — and needs badly — a zoning ordinance which will prevent commercial and industrial enterprise from moving into residential areas and vice versa. We're in worse shape now than we were two years ago, and that will continue to be the case. The quicker a zoning ordinance is adopted, the less grief will be felt in future years.

The most inconceivable part of the foreign loan proposals is that the leaders in the state de-

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon
(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)

Hen Stories

This is not a dictaphone report of a so-called hen party, as the title may indicate, so there is no need for alarm on the part of feminine readers of this column. It is just a motley collection of real hen stories.

Baxter Wright spun a good one the other day after someone had mentioned the high price of eggs and the fact that his chickens were too busy eating up high priced feed to do any laying.

Back several years ago when Runt Allen was barbering here, he became real interested in the chicken and egg business and bought some high-powered chicks. Baxter says they cost him \$1.00 each as one-day olds, and, of course, that was an astronomical price back in those days. Runt fed them pretty well for a time, and it was not too long until they had reached the egg-laying stage. But they didn't lay. Runt, all the time, was watching the feed bill and getting more and more disgusted. Time went on and still there were no eggs. As this continued, Runt began to neglect his flock. He would feed them maybe once a day, maybe once every other day. The flock began to look mighty bedraggled and still there were no eggs. Baxter and Happy McDaniel, who were neighbors of Runt, began to worry about the chickens. They did not like to see starving citizens in their community. After several consultations on the matter, Baxter and Happy agreed to make a joint investment in two dozen eggs of the type Runt's flock would ordinarily produce. As a starter, three were slipped into the nests of the bedraggled pullets. Things then started to happen. Runt found the eggs and was so proud he brought them to his shop for public demonstration. According to Baxter, Runt was as proud as a new father. Runt placed an order for all kinds of feed and began treating his chicks in royal fashion. All the time, Baxter and Happy were continuing to "dose" the nests. After about a week, the purchased egg supply ran out, and the two jokesters decided not to "renew up." Next day, and the next, Runt made no mention of his chickens. Finally, a question was put his way, and he replied, "You know, I just can't understand it. They've just plumb quit laying." Baxter says that Runt used up his feed supply, then went out of the chicken business for good. His flock had never actually laid a single egg.

My father tells a similar story on a Mr. Hambright from Grover. In this instance, Mr. Hambright was mighty proud of his flock and prone to brag about it at every chance opportunity. To ripen the situation, eggs were bought and deposited in the nests. At the next public session, Mr. Hambright was heard to brag, "I've got the best chickens in the world. They have even started laying two a day!"

But the real reason for the story concerns hen-pecking, rather than hens. On a Saturday afternoon radio show, a Mr. John Gordon was asked three questions in establishing his platform for making a happy home. To the delight and joy of the women in the au-

partment and in Congress are guessing the amounts of the loan which "might" be repaid. An individual citizen would be happy to find a banker who was willing to make loans on this basis. If the grants are actually production loans it seems that they could be repaid, just as Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, for instance, now issuing \$60,000,000 in bonds for expansion of facilities, will most certainly repay that amount if it continues to operate.

If the Lions semi-pro basketball tournament is half as interesting as last summer's baseball tournament, it will be worth the price of admission and more.

A best bow to Willie England new council commander of the local W. O. W. organization, and to Mrs. Frank Owens, new Woodmen Circle president.

The city acted swiftly on the mad dog incident last week. Fact is, it's about the swiftest the city has moved to handle any situation in recent years. Our congratulations to the board for its efforts to protect the public interest.

dience (and the obvious, though silent disappointment of the men). Mr. Gordon said: (1) he thought the men should turn over their paychecks to the wives; (2) that the men should do the dishes ALL the time; (3) that occasional nights "out with the boys" could lead only to domestic trouble. For his brashness, Mr. Gordon was placed on three planks above a tub of water, with the agreement that the planks would be removed if men interviewed at random on the street did not agree with the planks of his platform. Three men (without their wives) who were passing at 33rd street and Broadway in New York, disagreed resoundingly, and Mr. Gordon went home wet. I wondered how he explained to the little woman.

But Mr. Gordon had no monopoly on the hen-pecked department. A salesman in a local store reports this Christmas incident. An elderly lady was purchasing gifts, bought one for her husband and another for a one son. The salesman asked, "What about your other son?" The lady replied that she was buying nothing for him. "But you can't show partiality like that," the salesman objected. "I can too," the lady replied. Then, after hesitating a moment, added "Can't please his wife."

Admittedly, this dissertation on hen-pecking is most incomplete, but decision has been made that the subject is too hot to handle without a segregated audience. However, there are at least two observations which it should be all right to mention for mulling-over purposes only: (1) Some men who seem most hen-pecked in public frequently do not follow the same quiet, ever-agreeing policy at home; (2) about 99 percent of the married men would qualify for membership in the National Hen-Pecked Society, though only some 25 percent would be eligible to hold office.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that cotton may be shipped under the export program until June 30, 1948.

For HEADACHE
Capudine relieves headache fast because it's liquid. Its ingredients are already dissolved — all ready to begin ending the pain. It also soothes the tension due to the pain. Use only as directed. 10c, 20c, 50c.

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Display 1948 City Automobile License Tags

on or before February 1, 1948, will be subject to the penalties of the law.

N. M. FARR,
Chief of Police,

City of Kings Mountain

LIST YOUR County Taxes Now

See B. D. Ratterree, Number 4 Township Tax Lister once and avoid the last-minute rush!

Herndon's Hardware, Grover, January 22nd
All other days—City Hall, Kings Mountain

Late Listers Will Be Penalized

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January 31st

All Real Estate and Property Owners Are Required To List. Male Persons Between The Ages of 21 and 50 Are Required To List Poll Tax. You Are Required To Make Farm Report Also If You Live On A Farm. Dogs Must Be Listed.

CHARLES G. DILLING,

Cleveland County Tax Supervisor.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1937 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Aubrey Mauney was elected Cleveland county chairman of Boy Scouts at a recent meeting held in Shelby.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
The three circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist church held its first meeting of the year on Monday afternoon.
Mrs. Ted Gamble entertained at a turkey dinner on last Wednesday honoring her husband on the occasion of his birthday anniversary.
Mrs. D. C. Mauney entertained

members of the Col. Frederick Hambright chapter, DAR, last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. H. Webb entertained members of the Contract Bridge club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Grady King entertained members of the Friday Afternoon club last Friday.

Mrs. D. C. Mauney entertained members of the Adelpian club and invited guests on Saturday afternoon.