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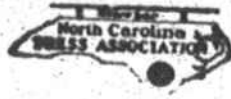
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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

I receive not honour from men. St. John. 6:41.

### Scott Wins Again

Governor W. Kerr Scott has done it again.

His Saturday victory for the road and school bonds gives him the means of carrying out his campaign program to improve the schools and to get the farmers out of the mud. Of course, not all the farmers will get out of the mud, but a goodly number of them will.

Cleveland County's portion of the \$200,000,000 road bond issue will be \$2,766,000. That should do a lot of paving and Kings Mountain area citizens are hopeful that some of it will come their way, as it will.

The Herald has previously mentioned as roads high on the need list one through the Patterson Grove - Oak Grove section, a hard-surfaced road to Waco, and the Lake Montonia road. There are, of course, many others.

From the school issue of \$25,000,000, the Kings Mountain school district will receive slightly more than \$52,000, based on 11.68 percent of the county's school population. This will be of some assistance in making needed capital improvements.

But to go back to the Scott victory on Saturday.

It would appear that Kings Mountain, as it has a habit of doing, voted "wrong" again, at least from the standpoint of being on the winning side. Perhaps the political factions here are too honest. They play it as they see it, and as they think it should be, rather than checking the trend and trying to ride the winning horse. The Herald takes some measure of pride in having guessed that both issues would be approved.

Politically, passage of the bond issues last Saturday is also important. Next spring there will be two contests for the U. S. Senate, which will in turn point up the 1952 state-wide contests for governor and other offices. At the rate Mr. Scott is going, odds are good that by 1952 he will have proved that his personal victory in last year's gubernatorial race was no political accident.

Kings Mountain again proved its liberality in purchasing a record total of poppies to aid disabled veterans and their widows and orphans. However, the Herald suspects another important factor in the record-breaking poppy sale was the industry of the Legion Auxillary and its Girl Scout sales force.

Kings Mountain has its share of tragedies, and another was the fatal accident to 10-year-old Joe Falls Russell. A number of citizens have remarked that the death of this boy can be charged in part to a neglectful community which thinks itself too poor to provide recreational facilities.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

J. W. Milam, popular manager of the Home Stores, was elected president of the Lions Club, succeeding Howard Jackson, at the meeting held last Thursday evening in the Mountain View House.

The second annual Ladies' Night of the Lions Club will be held next Thursday night in the Womans club building.

Crowell Little, former star quarter back at the University of North Carolina, and last year coach at the local high school, has been appointed freshman coach at Davidson college, it was announced Tuesday.

### Graduation Time

The president of Duke University, addressing the graduating class of Davidson college, reminded his hearers that the piece of parchment they were receiving for successfully completing four years of work was no sure ticket to success.

He pointed out that the diploma is merely a certificate of training, and that the real gauge would be the manner in which the graduates tied themselves into their work, further study, or particular duties they would choose.

This advice is good for college and high school graduates alike.

The few graduates who sometimes have the feeling that they have a one-way ticket to success are in for a rude shock. In almost all fields of endeavor, instructors usually say that success depends ninety percent on hard work, only about 10 percent on talent.

Our congratulations to the large number of students from Kings Mountain graduating from colleges and universities and to the graduates of Kings Mountain area high schools.

We wish them well in their future activities.

A best bow to Arnold W. Kincaid, who has been re-elected head of the Kings Mountain school band association for another year, and to the other officers of the association. Major work of the group will be securing about \$1,500 annually to keep the band ship-shape as far as instruments, music, and uniforms are concerned, while there are a host of minor yet important functions which the organization must handle. Our guess is that the band association will do its jobs and do them well.

The Waynesville Mountaineer last week published a 62-page special farm edition commemorating the six-month-old Haywood county community development program. By "setting up working Chambers of Commerce in all rural communities," writes Mountaineer Editor W. Curtis Russ, "the results have been amazing." In four months, commercial broiler population of the county grew from 3,000 to 300,000, and several rural churches are being built as a direct result of the program. The Haywood program shows what can be done by cooperation, hard work and imagination. The special farm edition is another feather in the cap for the Mountaineer, one of the state's best semi-weekly newspapers.

The Herald conveys its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ed Bridges, who lost his life in a plane crash last week. Mr. Bridges was a good citizen, and it is indeed a tragedy that his life should be snuffed out at such an early age.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mary-Elizabeth Simpson of Hickory became the bride of William Kemp Mauney, Jr., of Kings Mountain in a wedding ceremony in the church of the Ascension, Episcopal, Hickory, at 5 p. m. Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and girls have gone to Goldsboro for the weekend.

Mr. L. P. Stowe is a business visitor in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cash and children are vacationing at Myrtle Beach.

## martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid overdosage.)

### Television

Now that "Uncle Henry" Huffstetler has bought the first set sold by a local house, I suppose the medicinal column can conclude that the age of television has officially arrived, even though it will be a short time before broadcasts can be seen on the screen locally.

Television has been coming for a number of years, and Wfif is planning to start television broadcasts on July 13, Larry Walker told me not long ago. This suits appliance dealers and prospective television fans just fine, and both are already looking with ardent anticipation at the beam maps, which shows Kings Mountain on a very direct line from the Spencer Mountain transmitter. "And, of course," the salesman adds, "you're on a direct line with Greensboro, too, and Greenville."

Television is just coming into its own, after being en route for a long time. At the Chicago World's Fair in 1934, there was one show which called itself television and, if I remember correctly, was a Westinghouse promotion. A visitor would stand on the stage, and his friends could see him in a nearby screen. Radar, too, that famed invention which informed ships of approaching enemy aircraft and ships, must be a form of television. While the picture is not shown on the screen, it gets a nice wave of the line, which serves the same purpose.

Actually, I have never seen in operation the new television which will be common as dirt in a few years. Though it was operating in New York two summers ago, it was impossible to get inside the door of the public establishments (principally bars) where television screens were enticing the customers.

Red McClain asked me the other day if I were going to buy a television set, and I had to hedge the answer, first making a mental note of the bank account. After the check-up, I figured that television for the medicinal departments was at least two years away, and even then pending possible price declines.

Of course, there are other factors to be taken into consideration. When I get around to signing the time-payment contract for television, I am real anxious to get a set with several switch-off buttons on it. In other words, I want a set where the screen can be blanked out, if desired, and the program continued. It would also come in handy vice versa—to view with quietness and pleasure some of the good looking damsels who get there on their looks, but not on their abilities to warble, or act, or dance.

Television, as anything which is big and new, has its disrupting influences. Radio sales have not been too good in the past year, particularly on the big console jobs, as the customers wait to get it all at once with sight added. The prospects of television have also had Hollywood in a dither, as well as some of the radio stars. One wonders if some of the radio stars will go the way of some of the movie heroes of silent days. Most striking example was the late John Gilbert who had entranced the women of the land for years with his on-film love-making. Then the talkies came along and his high-pitched voice didn't fit in with the Valentino-Gable-Van Johnson technique. Mr. Gilbert bowed out.

Some are predicting a future dearth of movie customers, due to this new entertainment force, but I doubt it. About 75 percent of radio is so bad, that most people prefer seeing a "B" movie. Most likely possibility is that Hollywood will have to get back on the beam and produce some better pictures. Since the beginning of the war, the movie-makers in large part have been trying to get by with name stars in poor vehicles. They are going to have to spend more for scripts. The probable result will be better products on all sides.

It's quite possible Uncle Henry Huffstetler got himself in a mess by buying the first television set. At least that is the opinion of a group of potential customers who were discussing the matter a couple of months ago. One remarked that when he bought a set, he wanted to have it installed during the wee hours of the night, and was going to lay down strict orders to his family not to advertise the purchase to even closest friends. "They tell me," he said, "that you can't live in peace when you get one. About 7 o'clock at night your doorbell starts ringing and not only friends but peo-

ple you've never seen before say, 'We've come to see your television set.' It proves a hardship on the entertainment part of the budget."

Which means that "Uncle Henry," in self-defense, better add himself to Jimmy Darracott's and Skimp Stow's sales staffs. A few more sales would at least split the crowds.

### Four Cases On Monday Recorder Court Slate

Four cases were heard in regular weekly session of City Recorder's court, held at City Hall Monday afternoon, May 30, Judge Faison Barnes, presiding.

One defendant was convicted on charges of public drunkenness. Eddie King, of Mobile, Ala., forfeited \$25 bond on a speeding charge.

Herman Gill, Negro, charged with no drivers license, second offense, was sent to the road for 60 days after he failed to pay \$50 and costs.

Grady L. Burris, for possession of non-tax-paid whiskey, was fined \$25 and costs.

### Uncle Sam Says



June 17, 1775, 174 years ago, our forefathers fought a great battle for freedom and opportunity at Bunker Hill. Each one of you realizes that to maintain the freedom and opportunity for which they fought you must be ever vigilant in doing your share. One of the country's greatest assets is a sound economy which you can help to uphold. Your government is providing the opportunity through the U. S. Savings Bonds program. If not already enrolled for the safe, automatic way of purchasing Savings Bonds, the great Opportunity Drive, now in progress, is your own individual opportunity.

U. S. Treasury Department

Formerly in Great Britain certain qualifications of rank of property were required of those who killed game.

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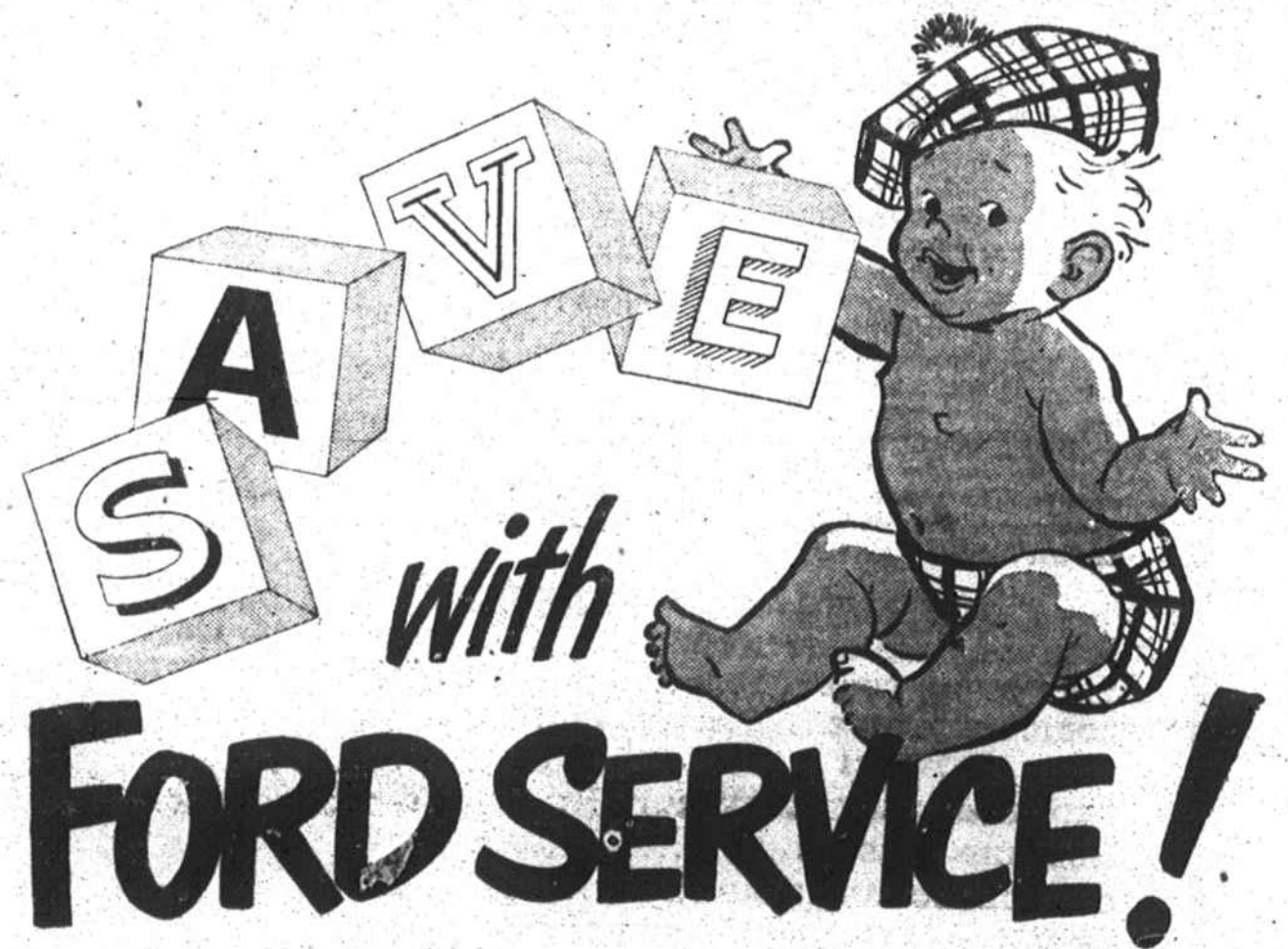
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