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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart. Proverbs 3:3.

The Senate Race

Announcement last weekend by Willis Smith, of Raleigh, that he will be a candidate for the United States Senate—seeking the four years remaining on the term of the late J. M. Broughton—means that the race will be even more interesting than had originally appeared.

The Herald is not acquainted with Mr. Smith, except through the second-hand mediums of information that he is a former president of the American Bar Association and a former state legislator.

However, a glance at newspaper comment across the state regarding the Smith candidacy indicates that the Graham-Smith-Reynolds-Boyd-Dunaway battle may develop into a new model replica of the Scott-Johnson gubernatorial race two springs ago, with former Senator Reynolds figuring strongly.

Dr. Frank Graham is the Scott appointee, and it appears that the Smith backing may come from quarters which were, strictly anti-Scott two years ago and still are. Of course, there always has been, and always will be, some crossing of lines.

The only valid objection the Herald knows to Dr. Graham is a few of his liberal policies, which also take on the aspects of liberality with respect to Uncle Sam's treasury, which, in turn, means our money. If Mr. Smith is, as reported, a little more middle-ground with respect to advancing the Truman administration social programs, his candidacy will attract a large number of votes.

Most commentators are already predicting a second primary in this race, and that seems to be a safe prediction. It also seems reasonably safe to predict that the two top men after the May 27th voting will be Graham and Smith.

Key Club

The Kiwanis Club youth organization committee has done a good job in its successful organization of the Kings Mountain Key Club, an organization of high school boys who are being trained at an earlier age than is customary in certain of the moral obligations every citizen owes to the community in which he lives, be it large or small.

The purposes, aims and activities of the Key Club to a school is comparable to the Kiwanis club's (and most civic clubs) to a community. And, for the high school population, the school is the community, the center of not only educational effort, but of recreational and social activities as well.

The Herald feels that the Kiwanis Club has done all concerned a good turn, the school, the community, itself and—most important—the individual Key Club members.

Our congratulations to the officers and charter members of the Kings Mountain Key Club.

A farmer's group always likes to hear what its commissioner of agriculture has to say, and there is good reason for it. The economics of agriculture has become so tied in with politics, what with quotas and subsidies, that the commissioner can constantly be in position to give needed information to those who till the soil. Thus the Lions Club deserves to be congratulated on obtaining Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. (Stag) Balentine to speak at its annual Farmer's Night banquet.

Our congratulations to the city administration for the South Piedmont avenue parking change. While parallel parking might sharpen the tempers of some Baptists and some Herald staff members for a time, we are equally confident that the South Piedmont avenue mortality rate for auto fenders will decrease considerably. Not many streets in Kings Mountain are sufficiently wide for angle parking.

Martin's medicine

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

Fifth Candle

This piece could have been titled any of several and all would have fit the bill, it could have been called "Five-Year Plan," and while there's no connection to the Joe Stalin kind of "Five-Year Plan," it might have been called "Catching Up." Better still might be "Trying to Catch Up."

The title chosen is correct, too, however, for it does mark the closing out of the medicinal department's fifth year, the 250th medicinal concoction of bits of "news, wisdom, humor and comment," and I trust the good readers have taken the direction. Literally, and avoiding over-dosage. Over-dosage just plain won't do. Whether it's Martin's medicine, castor oil or anti-histamine. (You'll note I did not include the new wonder medicine Hadacol, as no report has yet been received from the medicinal research division.)

But back on the track. . . .

In a way, operation of the medicine column and the Herald for the past five years (the anniversary date was March 2) has been somewhat like the first Russian five-year plan of sharing the wealth, only there hasn't been much wealth. At any rate, the short, swift five years have been devoted to regular visits to the creditors with interest payments and/or discount payments, not for the original outlay, but for new machinery.

I am not a mechanical man. My first introduction to the intricacies of gears and cam operations was in Uncle Sam's navy, and the introduction was too hasty to gather even a speckling knowledge of them. Thus I hit the Herald virtually plumb cold on the matter of tools, and quickly had thrust upon me the basic fact of life that a carpenter must have a hammer, saw, nails, scaffolds and various and sundry other accoutrements before he can start building a house.

Publishing a newspaper is exactly the same, it merely requires different tools, such as press, type, linotype, machines, etc. type, and other odds and ends that rate more important nomenclature when the invoices arrive. It also helps if the machinery is in relatively good condition, for it's a considerable strain on the constitution and nervous system when the tools of the trade are aged and infirm and held together with baling wire. Baling wire is all right for emergencies, but it'll always break at the most inopportune moment.

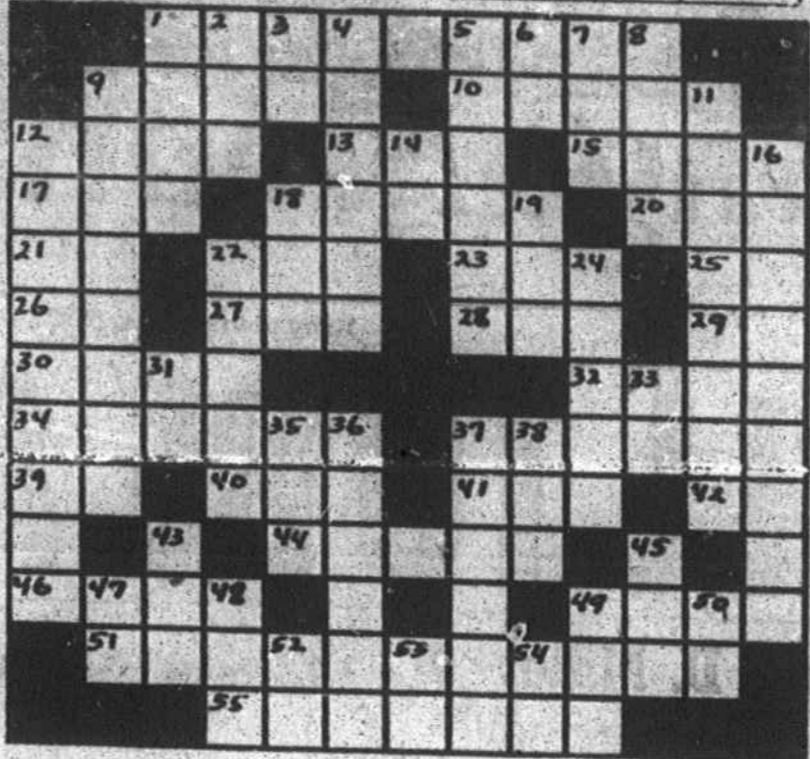
Which is a prelude to reporting that the medicinal department has been limited on the so-called luxuries of life during the past half-decade. There are two major exceptions. The year 1948 was an "exception" year and I spent it like a sailor on shore leave. To wit, I bought a new automobile and took unto myself a wife. I made that remark to a recently-married young man the other day, and though I can't reveal his name, I can report that he was rather definite in the opinion that the latter-mentioned luxury is quite an expensive one. However, now being somewhat over the initial shock of the venture, I can console him with the promise of better things to come. For one doesn't buy furniture every year.

From the standpoint of the Herald (and it goes for almost every business and every individual it's amazing how plans and ambitions change. When I concocted Martin's Medicine about today five years ago, I did not dare to imagine that the end of five years would find all major equipment replaced (just accomplished with the dinky-size newspaper press in January), a large number of relatively minor additions, and an increase in personnel from two and three-quarters to seven and a half. (The odd fractions result from part-time arrangements.) I would have thought in 1945 that the additions would have had the Herald completely caught up. It hasn't. On anniversary day 1950, it appears we are just starting. It reminds me very much of a bit of philosophy reported in a book I just read. A young physician struggling to get ahead, ran into a college classmate. The usual questions were asked along the line of "How're you getting along?" "Fine," the classmate told the physician, "doing really well. I've got a good job and owe \$10,000." Later on in the book they met again three years afterward. The physician asked the same question. "Even better," the classmate replied, "I'm an executive and owe \$50,000." Which, I guess, is the reason people stick hard to their work, it's the basic ingredient in ambition.

Five years ago I wrote a personal note in the Herald press-

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1—Popular medium for keeping abreast of the times
 - 9—Home entertainer
 - 10—Moscow's biggest stumblin' block of the past year (2001)
 - 12—A rotating or sliding projection on a wheel (plural)
 - 13—Permit
 - 15—Specific quantities (abbrev.)
 - 17—Hasten
 - 18—U. S. industry experiencing labor's greatest trouble last year (plural)
 - 20—Skill
 - 21—United Labor (abbrev.)
 - 22—Shallow receptacle
 - 23—Listening device
 - 25—Abbreviation of Latin phrase meaning "that"
 - 26—Industry greatly affected by coal strikes (abbrev.)
 - 27—Theoretical force
 - 28—Femal, domestic animal
 - 29—Chemical symbol for iron
- DOWN**
- 1—Something that always makes news in the paper
 - 2—The man who prepares your newspapers
 - 3—Workmen of India (abbrev.)
 - 4—Popular term for legislators
 - 5—Well known Labor Party leader in Britain
 - 6—A mathematical ratio
 - 7—New
 - 8—Old Latin name for "Eternal City"
 - 9—Big American coal consumer
 - 11—Workman's means of making management for benefits
 - 12—Britain's great statesman, orator, writer and painter
 - 14—Every one individually (abbrev.)
 - 16—England's money standard (poss.)
 - 18—A boulder
 - 19—A proverb
 - 22—Place where democratic people choose their government representatives
 - 24—To contradict
 - 25—Roman numeral
 - 26—Mystic Sanskrit word
 - 28—A poet's "always"
 - 29—Extinct (poss.)
 - 30—To provide
 - 31—Chinese measure (plural)
 - 32—Arabian garment (abbrev.)
 - 33—Division of the Bible (abbrev.)
 - 34—Disconnected
 - 35—Cunning
 - 36—Chemical symbol for instium
 - 37—Transcontinental America (abbrev.)

Other Editor's Viewpoints

ORGANIZATION ASTRAY

(Lexington Dispatch)

We had thought that about everybody had organized almost every way possible. But we were wrong. One day this week there came through the mail an urgent plea for an association for the protection of stray cats for the editor to try and do something about the awful slaughter among this division of living things.

Evidently editors have been so engrossed in such routine subjects as the possible slaughter of whole populations by use of atomic bombs that they have overlooked something right under their noses — or their windows at night. The press is palpably neglecting its duty toward stray cats.

Stray cats do have some powerful enemies. Many hunters who go afield at considerable investment in preparation and time and return empty-handed often blame their poor luck on the ground that prowling cats got there first. Signs along our paved roads in the morning indicate the perambulating pussies come out best against night highway traffic. Maybe the tabbies should carry tall lights for protection.

Frankly, about the only practical protection we can think of for the stray cat army is a better system of kitten birth control. Then legitimate owners wouldn't have so much surplus to deposit on the premises of unwilling neighbors.

It may sound a little hard-hearted, but we sometimes wonder if society is not a bit over-organized, even here in our neighborly small city; so we must decline to lend a hand to forming a local society for the protection of friendless felines.

Using a gradually improving newspaper devoted to the community interest reporting the news objectively and as it happened, and I believe the Herald has made good on the promise. At the same time, I recognize that the promise could not have been fulfilled without the aid, success and cooperation of the vast majority of the people the Herald serves.

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10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1940 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The Parent-Teacher First Aid room at Central School is beginning to take definite shape, with many of the needed pieces of equipment already in place and some of it in use.

The Pearl Fulton Memorial Reading Medal, presented annually by the family of the former Central School teacher, was won last Thursday evening by Miss Vivian Prince, member of the Junior class of Central high school last Friday evening. Colorful cut flowers and pot plants were arranged in shelving room and dining room.

Mrs. Billie Mauney will entertain this afternoon the Ace of Clubs, a new bridge club consisting of two tables. This is the first meeting of the club. The members are: Mesdames Proctor Thompson, Harold Hunnicutt, Haywood E. Lynch, Billie Mauney, Aubrey Mauney, Jacob Cooper, Carl Mauney, Fred Plonk and Bill Craig.

Mrs. Finkney Stokes and baby of Ruffin, N. C., are guests of Mrs. M. L. Houser.

Miss Ollie Hartzell and Miss Helen Stewart attended the National Beautician Forum held at Hotel Charlotte, Charlotte, this week.

Mrs. Jonah B. Falls, nee Miss Ethel Hord, of Vera's Beauty Shop attended the N. C. Cosmetologist convention held in Charlotte Monday. Mrs. Falls was a winner of hair styling and hair cutting. I learned so much about make-up said Mrs. Falls. "I want my customers to come down and let me help them look their best."