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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen. St. John 21:25.

### Unfair Policy

Folk here who are aware of the situation are somewhat angry with Southern Bell Telephone Company, for what they consider is a very unfair policy regarding toll charges on calls to the nearby cities of Shelby and Bessemer City.

For a long time, the policy has been to charge for all calls from Kings Mountain to Bessemer City, and to charge for calls to Shelby made from non-business phones.

At the same time, a Bessemer City citizen merely dials the Kings Mountain operator, at no charge, when wanting to talk with someone here, and it is our understanding, citizens of Shelby may call Kings Mountain from any phone, again at no charge.

Such a policy is hard to understand. What the Kings Mountain citizens want to know is: why the favoritism?

A good many people aren't too happy with Southern Bell anyway, merely in the matter of service. They see Southern Bell installing dial systems in Shelby, in Gastonia, long ago in Bessemer City, Cherryville, and Asheville, and can't understand why Kings Mountain can not have one.

But the dial system business is beside the point at the moment. Southern Bell should decide that what is good for the goose is also good for the gander and eliminate this one-way charge system which puts an extra and unfair tariff on Kings Mountain citizens.

### Proposal Favored

The Herald is naturally happy that the county board of commissioners saw fit to accept its suggestion for a five-man board.

We believe that the commissioners will not have reason to regret this decision, for the physical effect of the change will serve to lighten the individual responsibilities of the several members and to broaden its base of representation.

The assumption is, of course, that the proposal will be enacted into law at the first possible opportunity after beginning of the 1950 session of the General Assembly.

Just what method of districting will be adopted in the ordinance has not yet been indicated, but one plan which sounds logical would be as follows: District 1, Townships 1, 2 and 3; District 2, Townships 4 and 5; District 3, Township 6; District 4, Townships 7 and 8; District 5, Townships 9, 10 and 11.

The commissioners indicated they would ask the county's legislative delegation to district or zone the county according to population figures obtained in the current census, with an effort to balance the five districts as to population insofar as possible.

Our congratulations to the board on its action.

In last week's Herald column, "Library Notes," it was reported that circulation at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library is showing a big increase over last year's figures. Part of the gain can be attributed to addition of more books, and part of it to the fact that more people are doing more reading. Juvenile book circulation continues highest, of course, and this is a good sign. Youngsters who form the habit of reading at an early age are likely to grow up to form a more enlightened, better informed citizenship.

The Kings Mountain civic clubs are doing a good job in bringing the Congressional candidates to their meetings for addresses. In this way, a large segment of the people get to see the candidates, to talk with them, and to form opinions on their own as to which one will do the best job as their representative.

### Cancer Drive

From January through April there is a constant call for donations to funds of various kinds, beginning with the polio campaign, and including several others. People frequently are inclined to get "tired," so to speak, of the continual calls, but they warm up if they think the matter through.

The calls for giving may be frequent, but they do not remove too large sums from personal and corporate wallets. This will be indicated in the individual instances at tax check-up time.

The above statements are merely a prelude to support of the campaign which began Monday for funds to wage war on cancer. There is no guarantee that the means of halting the ravages of this dread disease will ever be found. On the other hand, there was no guarantee that the sulfa drugs, which have done much to lower the death rate from pneumonia and other dread diseases, would be discovered. There was no guarantee that anti-toxins for prevention of tetanus, for prevention of typhus fever, typhoid fever and other diseases would be discovered. They were.

Research is the answer and the key to research is funds to employ scientists, laboratory technicians, and to purchase experimental equipment.

Kings Mountain's quota for the Cancer Fund is not large. The quota should be over-subscribed again, as it was last year, as a good community investment in the defeat of cancer, a speculative investment of course, but a speculation with great promise of large profit.

### Debt Limit

Some Congressional Republicans are planning to try to get a bill through Congress to lower the public debt limit from its current ceiling of \$275 billion to \$257 billion, a figure expected to be reached at the end of the current fiscal year.

On first glance, it would appear a very valid move on the part of Congress, but, on second glance, it appears somewhat superfluous. After all, it has been habit over the past decade to constantly lift the ceiling, and there was no particular trouble in doing it. Perhaps such a lowered ceiling would have the desired effect of forcing Congress to balance its 1950-51 budget, through the medium of providing an excuse for the law-makers along the vein, "I wanted to vote for your appropriation, but we had reached the ceiling and I couldn't." But that wouldn't fool many people.

What the nation would like to see is a concerted effort on the part of Congress to attack the spend-more, borrow-more policy direct and full face.

Unfortunately, that requires more nerve than the average Congressman has.

Congratulations to the members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, on their formal purchase of a Legion Building. Proposal for a Legion Building has been talked for years, and the present membership and officers deserve commendations for bringing the plan to fruition.

Don't forget to be counted in the nation-wide census, now underway. Appearing in the news columns of today's paper are lists of the enumerators in Kings Mountain and vicinity and the areas they cover. If they've missed you, drop your enumerator a note or call him. Kings Mountain should show every man, woman and child in the city on the 1950 census.

## martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

### Easter Weekend

I believe that Easter Weekend 1950, generally speaking for folk of the populace Piedmont was as pleasant an Easter weekend as has been enjoyed in years.

Chief contributor to the pleasantness was the weatherman, who ordered up nice balmy weather for Saturday and Sunday. Best of all, the order was filled. In the past few years, the weather department handled such requests with wartime treatment, icy winds and falling temperatures would arrive, but the sunshine of springtime would be "back-ordered."

The weather is the biggest Easter factor for several reasons. Last weekend's sunshine made the merchants happy, for it encouraged the sale of new Easter outfits. Women are funny (sic). If the prospect had been for nasty, cold weather, with spring pastels expected to be not only out-of-place but downright painful from the comfort standpoint they would not have bought as many new items. And Easter is the day. The merchants learned, many moons ago that spring goods on the shelves after Easter will move only at give-away prices.

But the nice Easter weather of last weekend made the customers happy too. Not only do they like to buy new outfits. They like to wear 'em. And nothing looks as sharp as a family in church on a balmy Easter Sunday in new finery. Even papa usually gets into the act outside the pocketbook department and comes up with a new pair of shoes. But the kiddies look the best. Easter is their big dress-up day of the year. And you'd be surprised how really excited over clothes the youngsters get. The clothes department will run the Easter egg-dyeing and Bunny Rabbit department a close race in popularity.

And good weather makes the preachers happy. A record crowd attended the Easter Sunrise service, and several church ushers have reported to the medical column that they need "Standing Room Only" signs for the 11 o'clock services.

It was the same way at Woodruff, S. C., where I attended services at the church which superintended a knot-tying job of some months ago. My family of two was ahead of time for a change (this church doesn't start morning services until 11:15), but even so, I began to fear that the friendly usher couldn't seat us short of the Row No. 1 mourner's bench. But there was a spot on Row 3.

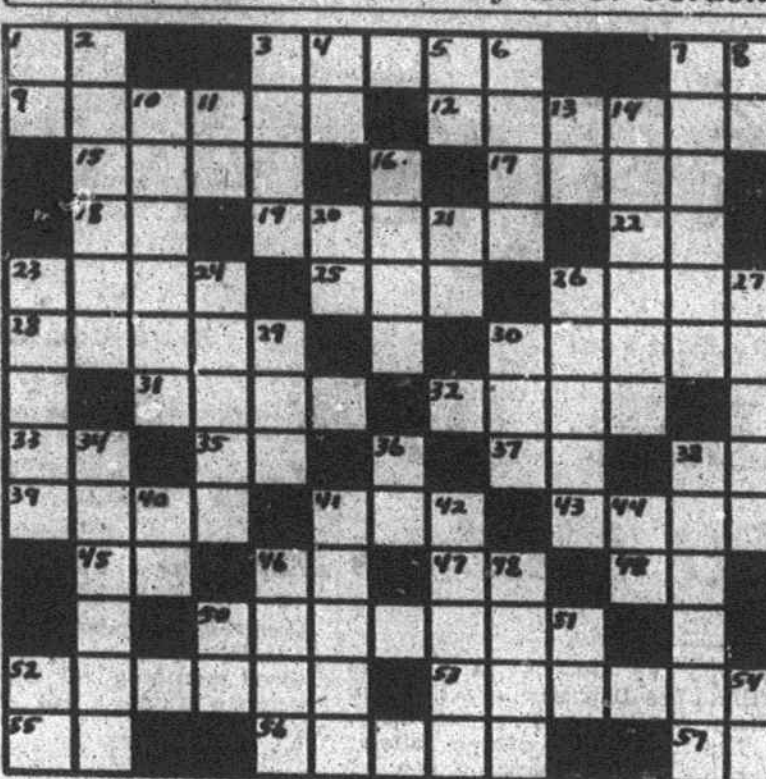
Which is by way of working up to a visiting weekend. Leaving town at 6 o'clock Saturday, I was taken to task by Friend P. D. Peters, who stopped to say, "I thought you never got out of town for vacations." My defense was pretty strong, I thought. I explained that the lady of the house just has to see mama occasionally.

It was an interesting weekend. En route we stopped at Thomas' Delicatessen in Spartanburg. The wife was looking for some minor party item. It pyramided, of course, worse than in a super market. The delicacies surely look inviting, with the wife picking up here and there, and with me picking up here and there, the wallet was somewhat damaged. I believe a store of that kind would pay here, if the management knew what it was doing.

Another visit of the weekend was close to my heart. Old Ben, the press, pictured by the Herald, is to run again. She was sold a few weeks back to a printing shop in Woodruff, and in a couple of weeks, is expected to put out Copy No. 1 of a new paper, the Woodruff News. She was already erected and just waiting for the juice to be cut in to her two-horse motor. She appeared right much rejuvenated by the rest she'd enjoyed in a warehouse stall since January 6. People talk about a business holiday, with the business taking a trip on his day off, but newspaper folk are worse. They just have to visit and talk shop. And a dash of ink on the new spring suit didn't bother a bit. After all, it had to be broken in sometime.

Return trip wasn't bad either. In spite of heavy Sunday evening traffic, Fort St. is improved at Blacksburg, where we stopped to visit Johnny, the Greek, for the first time. Johnny has a nice place on the edge of the South Carolina city, and his barbecues have lost none of their savor. Johnny operates a two-room establishment, with soda fountain, a Swedish counter on one side, and a private dining room on the other. The private dining room has a

## CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1—Abbreviation applying to ancient times
  - 2—To engage in one of the fine arts
  - 7—Thus
  - 9—Artist's "desk"
  - 12—Sets down in type
  - 13—Girl's name
  - 17—Musical instrument
  - 18—Coveted British decoration (abbrev.)
  - 19—Gulline vessel
  - 22—Verb Reflexive (abbrev.)
  - 23—What a coiffeur makes an art of
  - 25—Affliction of the eye
  - 26—Sets up a self ball
  - 28—Biblical character who sold his birthright for pottage (pos.)
  - 30—Nickname applied to a legislator
  - 31—One who is versed in the art of prevarication
  - 32—Important item used in the photographic art
  - 33—Ruminantary
  - 35—Literature (abbrev.)
  - 36—Abbreviated note
  - 37—Pronoun
  - 38—Command Post (abbrev.)
- DOWN**
- 3—To exist
  - 4—Artist's working surface
  - 10—Untrue
  - 11—Proportional relation
  - 14—Exclamation of derisive laughter
  - 16—A real occurrence
  - 18—Heavenly body
  - 19—Mathematical ratio
  - 21—Printer's measure
  - 24—Syllable applied to a musical note
  - 25—Chemical symbol for cobalt

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

## Other Editor's Viewpoints . . . . .

### "PLEASE REMIT"

(Christian Science Monitor)

Now it's going to be as easy in some cities—to pay a traffic fine as it is to renew the subscription to your favorite magazine or send in your dues to the Pleasant Point Neighborhood Improvement association.

Numerous American cities have authorized the payment of parking and other minor traffic fines by mail, but Kansas City, Mo., it is reported, has adopted a new type of traffic ticket designed in the form of a return envelope. All the culprit has to do is insert a check or money order, supply a stamp, and pop it in a mailbox.

This applies, of course, only to parking violations and the less serious infractions of rules by moving vehicles. Repeated offenses require rising payments and eventually a court appearance. Speeders and reckless or drunken drivers are hailed into court.

This certainly is an improvement in convenience over antiquated police court methods which required several hours' waiting in line for the formalities of paying a fine "and costs" for parking on a crosswalk or turning from the wrong lane.

There are occasions, though, when an appearance before a judge is salutary. So one word of caution might be sounded about paying for traffic infractions—don't make it too easy.

### CHRISTMAS WINS

(Stanley News &amp; Press)

Announcement was made in Charlotte last week that the Carolinas Christmas Festival which has been held in the Queen City

Johnny manner. A spotlight in the floor shines up on a big colorful chandelier, and the effect is as neat as the Manhattan night clubs offer. In the private dining room, steps are not allowed. This should please the ladies, who, as a group, are definitely anti-Slog. If you don't believe it, check over Sunday's Observer society section (or today's Herald for that matter).

It was a tip-top Easter weekend, and we're all in the debt of the weatherman.



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## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

**Kings Mountain Kiwanians** will go to Shelby Friday night at seven o'clock to receive the charter for the local chapter of the Kiwanis International which was organized here March 7.

**Mrs. J. B. Keeter**, loyal supporter of the prize winning Kings Mountain Band, was elected president of the Band-Parents Association at the meeting held Tuesday evening in the Central school.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

**Mrs. J. E. Anthony** was hostess to members of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club and invited guests at a most delightful meeting at her home on Piedmont avenue last week.

**Mrs. G. A. Bridges** and **Mrs. J. N. Gamble** were hostesses to members of the American Legion Auxiliary, entertaining at the home of the former on Tuesday.

**ed with lovely spring flowers.** Mr. and Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and family have moved into their new home on Ridge street.

**Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Goforth** and sons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Crenshaw in Belmont Sunday.

**Mrs. Hugh Hoke** of Lincolnton spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fulton.