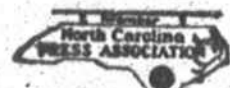


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. St. Matthew 13:44.

Cheer The Baptists!

The action of the Baptist state convention last week in deciding against acceptance of more than \$600,000 as the government's part in a proposed addition to the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem should go down as a landmark in history.

The Baptists conformed to their thesis and belief in keeping church matters and state matters completely separate, but they also did more.

Several weeks ago, J. Nat Hamrick, one of the four candidates for Congress from this district, declared in an address here that the nation must get away from the idea that the federal treasury is a grab-bag in which everyone must dip as deeply as possible.

But the Baptists of North Carolina have taken a big step in charting a course away from the grab-bag. They have said, in effect, "We don't require subsidization for our work. We'll do it ourselves."

Though the Baptists were primarily concerned with protecting the basic doctrine of their church and of the Constitution of the United States, they have also carved a path which all citizens would do well to follow.

It is customary for the average American to be optimistic, and it begins to appear that the year 1950—as far as estimating census figures is concerned—finds no change in the American make-up.

Registration for the forthcoming May 27th primary was quite brisk last Saturday, indicating much interest in the approaching election.

Our heartiest congratulations to Harvey Bumgardner, Kings Mountain student at State college, who won top honors in poultry judging while competing against representatives of eight other Southern schools.

As was anticipated, Kings Mountain is responding liberally to the appeal for funds to fight cancer.

Our congratulations to Anita McGinnis, 1950 winner of the Baker reading medal, and to Jerry McCarter, 1950 winner of the Neisler Declaration medal.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle of the tenth North Carolina district, has recommended Postmaster W. E. Blakely for reappointment to the position which he has held for the past four years.

At the annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Presbyterian Auxiliary in Gastonia April 25th, a member of the local Kings Mountain Auxiliary, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, was presented with the Honorary Life Membership in the

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Lawrence Lovell was hostess to members of the Home Arts Club and a number of invited guests entertaining at the Woman's Club on last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. D. Goforth was the honoree at a most delightful surprise birthday party at her home on Monday night. Mrs. Floyd Payne and Mrs. H. R. Parton assisted by

Mrs. Timmons Hord of Shelby were hostesses.

Mrs. L. C. Parsons entertained members of the Social Club at her home on East King Street last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. S. A. Lee of Chester, S. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert D. Miller this week.

Mrs. P. D. Patrick is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brooks Smith in Florence, S. C.

martin's medicine

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

Spring Rains

April found us on Sunday doing her best to prove her reputation as a "showering" month. In fact, did so well she carried over into the "flowering" month of May.

There's nothing nicer than a refreshing spring rain and the Sunday rains were no exception. The earth was getting pretty dry, and dust clouds would rise of a pebble rolled across the road.

The preceding thunder which rumbled out of the west provided some competition for the ministers of the city as they preached forth with their Sunday sermons, and I'm sure some had elocution problems. They had to pitch their voices stronger to combat the thunder, then, when the thunder rolled away, they felt they were shouting at the tops of their voices.

By the time the preacher had pronounced the benediction, the rain was falling in torrents. It would have been a good time for congregational meetings in the several Kings Mountain churches. None would have been urged the extra time for voting on church matters and hearing the minutes read.

The rain produced minor consternation for several of the ladies, for there were more problems than the new bonnets. There was Sunday dinner to think of, and folk living on the West side of town thought they had to beat a 2 o'clock power curtailment deadline.

A few umbrellas turned up, and impatience won out with others, which meant that most Kings Mountain churches were cleared by 12:15. As one would expect, the rain had stopped by 12:30 and the sun was breaking through to bring steam off Kings Mountain roofs.

There's nothing quite as refreshing as a spring rain, and Saturday's seemingly mid-summer heat made it even nicer. Saturday's temperature, incidentally, proved a considerable boon to certain phases of the men's wear business around town. Straw hats, short-sleeve sport shirts and the most thin britches in local stores were in considerable demand.

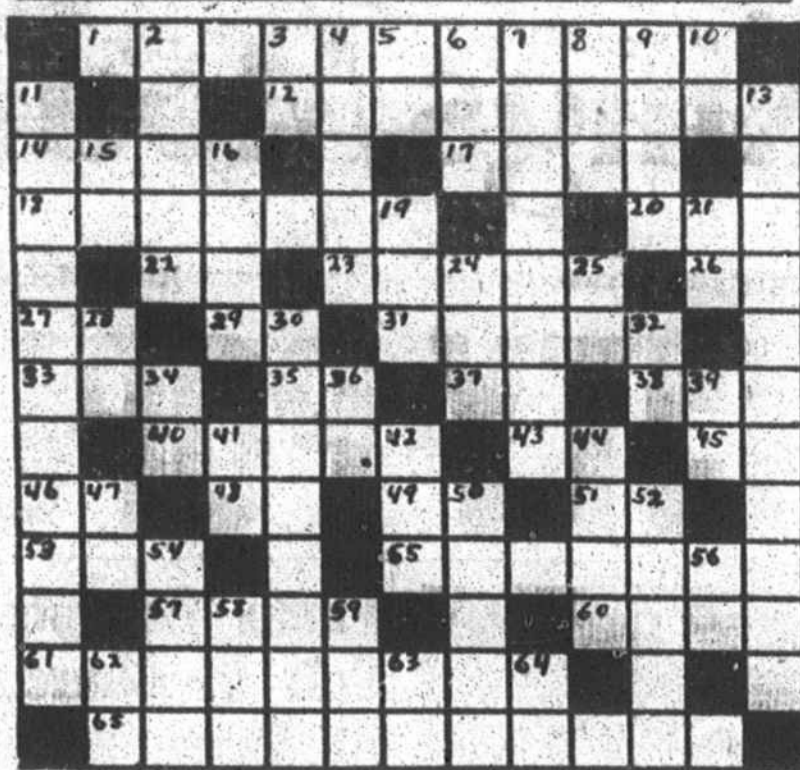
The spring rain should make the cotton pop, and we trust, not into the arms of Mr. Boll Weevil. A report over the week-end indicated what most folk had figured anyway. The 1949-50 winter wasn't cold enough to kill out the pest which eats up cotton. Smart farmers, aware of the run on the dust to kill Mr. Boll Weevil last year, are already contracting for the stuff now.

This May is sure to be a rainy month, though not necessarily in the sense of water falling from the skies. The rain will include a considerable amount of bombast and literature from a whole host of office-seekers who are doing their best to produce sufficient "rain" to spread sufficient votes for May 27. The rain may not be over then, for several races are clogged enough with candidates to indicate strong possibilities of second primaries in June.

But I am straying from the subject of the original definition of rain, the real water from the skies which satisfies the thirst of soil, animals and man, and fills the rivers and oceans to provide highways for ships, and a home for fish.

The importance of water, accepted by the modern man as nothing more complicated than paying a water tap fee at City Hall, is indicated by the problems of New York, the world's largest city, and of many lesser ones, including Winston-Salem and others in North Carolina. All winter, the water reserves furnishing New York have been dangerously low, and the city has even paid a company \$100 per day to try to produce rain. A guy in an airplane tries to produce rain by dropping dry ice in cloud formations. This

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1—Obstinate
 - 12—Decorative objects
 - 14—Nautical for "below"
 - 17—To be in the process of adjustment
 - 18—An argument intended to deceive
 - 20—To err
 - 22—Compass direction
 - 23—Meat and vegetables (poes)
 - 26—Latin connective
 - 27—Printer's measure
 - 29—Archaic personal pronoun
 - 31—One thickness, folded over
 - 33—A groove
 - 35—Chinese unit of measure
 - 37—Coincidence afterthought
 - 38—A tree
 - 40—Frivolous of a tree
 - 43—Township (abbrev.)
 - 45—To exist
 - 46—Mythological maiden changed into a heifer
- DOWN**
- 2—Supports
 - 3—Negative
 - 4—Pertaining to one of the British Isles
 - 5—Resting upon
 - 6—Dose
 - 7—A kind of jewelstone
 - 8—Numerical
 - 9—Terminates
 - 10—Delirium tremens (abbrev.)
 - 11—A thing made with extraordinary skill
 - 13—Emotional
 - 15—Behold
 - 16—A part of milk
 - 19—Combining form meaning "ill"
 - 21—Latin abbreviation for "that"
 - 24—To weaken
 - 25—Compass direction
 - 28—Greek letter
 - 30—Fitted and qualified
 - 32—Prefix denoting "again"
 - 34—In the direction of
 - 36—Roman numeral
 - 39—Unit of weight
 - 41—Note of the musical scale
 - 42—Enclosure (abbrev.)
 - 44—A kind of rubber
 - 47—Either
 - 50—A peasant
 - 52—A saddle girth
 - 54—Nobleman
 - 56—Upon
 - 58—Measure of length
 - 59—Old Latin Nomenclature (abbrev.)
 - 62—Negative
 - 63—Latin abbreviation meaning "for example"
 - 64—Spanish affirmative

Other Editor's Viewpoints

MAY (New York Times)

Any reasonable May should come up from the South with a trace of sunshine on her face, laughter in her eyes, apple blossoms in her hair and a handful of fat lilac buds. And she should be singing the morning song of the robin, with a few grace notes from the oriole.

Out in the garden, peas should be up and about their business, and scallions should be gathering strength. And the votaries should be there, on their knees to the earth, preparing for better things to come. Such as lettuce and green beans. And in the flower gardens the peonies will be getting over their first eagerness of stem and stretching themselves toward Decoration Day and full bloom.

May is a little late this year, and a little hesitant. She has trudged north with a lazy April,

brought loud squawks from other New York state citizens, who felt New York city was trying to take their rain, and Albany citizens even called for a bill in the state legislature to prevent such tampering with rain clouds. But the New York city rain-producing company has not been able to spell success with a capital "S."

But someone has remarked that a man need not worry too much about the rain coming, or not coming. The point this philosopher says, is to be ready for it, for it will come in due time.

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