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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. St. Mark 13:33.

City Budget

Formal adoption of the city budget for 1950-51 lays the pattern for city operation for the forthcoming year. While budgets are not completely final, it is to policy of most governments to endeavor to keep all departments operating within that budget and this is customarily the case.

The budget for the City of Kings Mountain for the fiscal year just begun is a record-breaker from the standpoint of anticipated expenditures, but it appears that the anticipated expenditures are quite justified.

One city commissioner jokingly suggested to the Herald that report of the \$40,000-plus budget surplus from the previous year be "played down." "Some folk will think we should have cut the tax rate," he added.

While paring of the tax rate is always a popular move, it is not always the best one, and Kings Mountain is in the position of needing much in the way of capital improvements, particularly in the basics of water and sewer line expansion, additional fire protection (which comes with water line expansion), and other needs.

Thus the Herald is glad to see the capital expenditure estimates on the current budget increased over former years. While the \$12,000 item for water line extension and the \$6,000 earmarked for street improvement will be insufficient to meet the full needs anticipated during the coming 12 months, the sums will help out.

And the Herald is happy to commend the city administration for its foresight in using the 1950-51 surplus for capital improvements rather than to pare the tax rate.

The city's fiscal picture, as far as bonded indebtedness is concerned, is quite good. The facilities picture is not quite as bright, and the city board has taken a step toward brightening it.

Liberal Again

Kings Mountain again can take pride in its customary record of doing its part. Reference is made to the emergency visit last week of the Red Cross Bloodmobile and to the record response to the call for blood donors.

Kings Mountain citizens kept the staff quite busy last week as they gave 113 pints of blood to the area bank, responding to the emergency call, brought about by the outbreak of war in Korea and depletion of blood supplies for civilian use.

Results of the visit here proved quite pleasantly surprising to Red Cross blood bank officials, who had anticipated a maximum contribution of 50 pints.

Our congratulations to local Red Cross officials, and, more important, to the individuals who answered the emergency call.

Original thought behind the gift of the people to the county of the T-B X-Ray machine was the old maxim, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The mobile unit began its second annual tour in Kings Mountain last weekend, and many persons visited the machine for "insurance" X-Rays. Primarily designed for use in early discovery of tubercular symptoms, the X-Rays also are valuable in the early ferreting out of other diseases. All citizens should avail themselves of this free service.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Red Cross officials report that \$330.75 was taken in from the free will drive made last Saturday to secure funds for the war relief in Europe.

Four Boy Scouts, Ray Bridges, Wilson Ledford, Charles Wilson and Roy Smith, led by their Scoutmaster, H. C. Wilson and assistant Scoutmaster O. D. McDaniel, returned Tuesday evening from a twelve day trip to the National Scout Camporee in Cimmarion, New Mexico.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. J. M. Rhea was hostess to members of the Study Club and

invited guests entertaining at her home on W. Mountain street Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Troy Carpenter was hostess at a most enjoyable party at the Ormand Cottage at Lake Montona Friday afternoon when she entertained with bridge and

Members of the T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Sunday School were entertained at their annual social in their class room Friday afternoon. Invited guests included prospective members of the class.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tate spent

last week at Carolina Beach. Twenty-five members of the Friendship Club of the Phenix Mill leave tonight for a stay of several days at Carolina Beach.

Mrs. W. S. Dilling and granddaughter, "Toots" Gillespie and Miss Sara Lee Harrill went to Bon Clarken yesterday to spend the rest of the week.

Lions Tom Fulton, Jimmy Burns, Mike Milam and George Mauney will leave Kings Mountain Saturday night for Miami, Fla., where they will take a boat for Cuba to attend the Convention of Lion's International.

martin's medicine

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

Vacation Time

It is currently the season of the year for vacations, and a world of folk take advantage of the opportunity in the months of July and August. Of course, July 4th week is the big vacation week in this part of the country and many have already enjoyed the "pick-up" which a change of scenery is designed to provide.

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Actually, there's not any set time for a vacation, and numbers of folks take vacation trips in January or March, but for the mass of the commonwealth the summer months are considered best. The sun is supposed to steam up things the most in these two months, and work is no fun when the mercury in the thermometer flirts around the 100 mark.

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Vacation business has become big business and grows with the years and the population, and North Carolina has become one of the most attractive spots for tourists from all spots of the nation. It is nothing unusual to ride through the mountains or along the seashore and spot multitudes of foreign licensees from Ohio, California, etc., etc.

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North Carolina is right well blessed with tourist attractions. A fellow who doesn't like the beach can find plenty of attraction in the mountains, and vice versa. The Blue Ridge Parkway provides an excellent route for mountain hopping, and now a private company is planning to build a toll road along North Carolina's beach strand.

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Some folk are inveterate vacationists, and they hardly one year, before they start planning the one for the following year.

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This group I call the real romanticists of vacationers, those who are always seeking new sights to see and who make arrangements to see them. I have always envied this group for they seem to get the biggest kick out of vacations. In the navy I had a shipmate who belonged to this category. He had previously been a rug buyer for Macy's and I think he wanted to see every loom which made the rugs that passed through the large New York house. He was well-equipped with the one necessary characteristic of romantic vacationers. He had fortitude and courage, and no amount of hardship made any difference.

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While at Casablanca he took an all-night train ride to Fez, Morocco capital, to see the sights and rugs. The lack of sleep and discomfort of the train merely seemed to heighten his excitement. When he had graduated from Colgate in the thirties, his folks had offered him a choice of handsome graduation gifts, a thousand bucks or a trip abroad. My friend took the trip, and five years later was still exulting over the canals of Venice, and other interesting sights and experiences.

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Still another friend of mine quit a good job in 1934 (of all times) because he couldn't get a leave of absence to go to England. It worked out all right in the end, but his travel fever and eye for the new, the exotic and glamorous cost him four years of interment in Shanghai during the last war.

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I must confess to being a rank conservative in the travel department. Unfortunately, I suppose I like to take trips to places I've already been, somewhat of a return-to-the-scene-of-the-crime attitude. New places and sights I can take in stride, but I never have been able to make a business out of investigating the new, as the real travelers do.

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I have always admired those folk who make their vacation trips form a pattern, such as New England in one season, Canada in another, the Midwest in another, and finally the long jump to the West Coast.

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Actually, the change of scenery is supposed to be the chief benefit of vacationing and I suppose that's the thing. Many people find it hard to relax on the home scene. The telephone rings and there's a request for something or another, and they find it imperative to follow the pace.

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But perhaps the biggest advantage of vacations away from home is a renewal of appreciation for the home fireside. I may be getting old, but I find even a day's jaunt away makes the homey bank of my home and the friendly home-table look much brighter and more inviting on the return.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**
1—Involuntary oral signifying indignation.
5—Disciple of Isaac.
11—Flat surface.
12—Popular name for a popular musical instrument.
14—To dress a blade.
15—Communitarian.
18—Meadows.
19—Require.
21—Sea eagle.
22—To take from forcibly.
25—Melody.
27—Chemical symbol for silver.
28—College degree.
29—Omniscient Orders (abbrev).
31—Personal pronoun.
32—One direction (abbrev).
33—Church dignitary.
- DOWN**
1—To deal with.
2—Vegetation.
3—Part of any room.
4—Animal container.
6—English tavern.
7—Decorative element.
8—Article of apparel.
9—A rowdy (colloq).
9—Terminal.
- Here and There**
36—Chemical symbol for terbium.
38—In a sincere manner.
40—Most capable.
42—Miss's name.
44—Carbonated liquid.
45—Biblical high priest.
47—Combining form meaning oil.
48—Printer's measure.
49—Hastened.
50—Wave length.
51—Nourishes.
52—Aeriform fluids.
- 10—To save.
13—Popular term for a sudden end to a boxing match.
16—Healiferce.
17—Bardic.
20—Perform.
21—Wagon.
22—Fratricides again.
24—Blustering.
26—Spare.
28—Goes a tray.
30—Man's name.
32—Cuba.
33—Songs of joy.
34—Loyal Freemasons (abbrev).
35—Part of the furrow.
37—Disciples.
38—The show.
39—Scottish ales.
41—Blue-veined Orders (abbrev).
43—Scottish "one".
46—Syllabic applied to a musical note.

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

NO HYSTERIA, NO COMPLACENCY

(New York Times)
We and our friends have had a bad three weeks. There is no doubt about that. Part of the shock, it is true, was due to the withholding of information which it was judged might have been useful to the enemy. Part of it was due to miscalculations as to what the enemy could do. The enemy could not operate tanks successfully in South Korea — but they did. Air power could break up an advance in South Korea, even an advance spearheaded by heavy tanks — but it could not. A small American ground force would be sufficient to discourage the enemy and restore the morale of our friends, the South Koreans — but this it could not do. Now, on this third Sunday of this "incident," we still have no firm line. It has been a bad three weeks. But it is not the end of the world.

We have had bad weeks before, and bad months. We had at least eight bad months between Dec. 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was attacked and Aug. 7, 1942, when the Marines landed on Guadalcanal. During those months the Japanese swept down the coast of Eastern Asia, taking Malaya, the Philippines, Indonesia, Burma, Guam and Wake Islands, plunging eastward and southward as far as New Guinea and the Solomons, threatening at one and the same time India, New Zealand and Australia. In North Africa the Axis troops pushed the British to the border of Egypt. The German were deep into Russia. On Aug. 7 it would be months before Guadalcanal was secure, before the Germans would be defeated at El Alamein, before the tides of the Russian war had turned at Stalingrad, before the North African landings. The situation was not good. Still, it was not the end of the world.

America and her allies had a resilience and courage that in retrospect seem in accord with the laws of nature. They had been mauled in the Far East and in Europe. The seas were perilous. The flames of burning ships lit up our very coast. But the will to put the enemy down and the faith that he would be put down did not waver. In this smaller and localized war we and our friends have again been caught unprepared and again have suffered losses and defeats. But we have friends — more than we had then. We have at least forty-seven friends in the United Nations, some of whom have responded or will respond to Secretary General Lie's appeal for armed assistance, other of whom will send material aid of one kind or another.

Our emotions as we watch our out-numbered, out-weaponed soldiers in Korea may be a mingling of pity, sorrow and admiration. For many of us fighters we have sent and are sending to that grim destination this will be the end of their private world. This is the sacrifice that is asked of them, justified only by the hope that what they are now doing will help to keep this war a small war and that the death of a small number will prevent the slaughter of millions. The choice has been a terrible one. We cannot be cheerful about it, or even serene. But we need not be hysterical. We need not accept as inevitable a greater war and the collapse of civilization.

We must likewise — and especially when the tide turns in Korea, as it surely will — avoid the pitfall of complacency. Our task now is twofold: first, to win the Korean war, as soon as possible, with the least possible cost in life, and hearty cooperation with our friends so strong that there will be no third World War. We do not know how strong we will have to be. The Government at Washington does not know. Lake Success cannot provide an answer. This newspaper has already recommended that the trained soldiers of the National Guard and the Organized Reserve be made available. It has recommended that we impose economic controls commensurate with the degree of military mobilization deemed necessary. We have to draw the lines carefully and calmly. We do not want to starve our civilian economy, restrict the liberties of our citizens and unduly inflate the powers of the Federal Government in order to be prepared for war. Nor dare we, by weakness and irresolution, invite attack.

The decision to be made will take some figuring, in human as well as material terms. But if we are wise, calm and strong we may persuade the potential aggressor against a battle he cannot win. And then, perhaps, we can get on with the mighty task of building for millions of people a happier world.

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