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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But that no many is justified by the low in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. Galatians 3:11.

Recreation Program

At the moment, there has been revived a movement for a community recreation program, principally under the leadership of the Woman's Club, but with interested participants from other civic groups and including many interested citizens.

Recreation is another of the community activities in which Kings Mountain finds itself about as far behind as is possible and certainly out-distanced by many other cities of larger and smaller size.

Some older folk, and some not too old, are sometimes inclined to look upon the matter of community recreation as the boldest nonsense, reasoning that they managed pretty well to keep busy when they were children. There is some truth in the contention, but it ignores certain facts. Principal one among them perhaps is that state and federal laws now prevent a youngster's going to work in most gainful employment before reaching the age of 16. Another is the fact of less home work to keep youth busy during the nine-month school term, and another is the influx of labor saving devices in the home which finds the old coal carrying-in jobs and wood bin filling jobs eliminated by oil heaters and electric stoves. Youngsters simply find time on their hands and wonder what to do with it.

Actually, the City Recreation commission, an advisory group with no money to spend and only their imaginations to work with, has formulated no definite plans for Kings Mountain. The group would like to have a city swimming pool for one thing and concurrent facilities. They like the looks of the new Shelby plant mighty well and there are others which they wish could be transplanted here.

Big problem, as usual, is money. Here again those most interested in the matter are not unanimous on how to get it. The figures of needed outlay look scary, and some feel the project should be a city one, that is, supported by tax money, while others favor the private method. The answer perhaps lies between the two, with joint action by the city and individuals a possible means of launching a program here.

With the strong possibility of increased taxes on the part of the federal government for the near future, it would appear that a private non-profit foundation would have a good opportunity of attracting large and regular contributions from Kings Mountain's business and industry.

At the moment, the city recreation commission wants the ear of the city board of commissioners for a discussion of the matter at hand, to learn what attitude the city will take toward such a project, and to what extent the city board will support it with their good offices.

There is no reason Kings Mountain, over the course of the years, cannot have the facilities for a well-balanced recreation program. It is not likely to come over-night under any circumstance. Immediately required, it would appear, is a long-range plan and initial steps to put that plan into operation.

Considering the current prices of real estate, it would seem that the city made a wise investment in purchasing the Hamrick property on City street for future needs, particularly since the property adjoins other property owned by the city. A city, like any business, must look to the future.

A welcome to Dr. Craig Jones, surgeon-to-be at the Kings Mountain hospital, who has opened an office here.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Twenty members of Fairview Lodge 339 were presented with 25 years certificates by E. L. Weathers, State Deputy Grand Master of Shelby at the dinner meeting at the Woman's Club Tuesday evening.

The Town Council in their meeting Monday night approved the Municipal Stadium project which has been gaining momentum for the past several months, since it was first announced by

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

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Charles F. Thomason, Mrs. M. A. Ware entertained members of the Social Club and invited guests at her home last Friday afternoon.

The Gleaners Class of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. H. J. McIntosh with Mrs. Elmer Logan as joint hostess last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mary Miller Hoffman of Knoxville, Tenn., has returned to

her home after a visit to Mr. L. P. Baker. Mr. Leslie McGinnis of Richmond, Va., a former citizen of Kings Mountain, will return today after visiting friends here.

Misses Margaret Cornwell and Nina Jackson left during the weekend for a visit to New York City and other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hambricht and L. P. Stowe spent the week end at Southport fishing.

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

Age

In the Sunday supplement rotogravure section of the Greenville News appeared a story under the headline "Can Man Live To Be 120 Years Old?" I didn't read any more of the story than to find that the question was answered "Yes," and that the author counted on science to keep a-going on the business of prolonging life.

The story, at any rate, was inspiration for a medicinal piece on the matter of age and how folk regard it.

Of course, the discussion should be separated into two categories, one involving the male viewpoint, and the other the female viewpoint, for they are considerably different, as any fool can plainly see.

The womenfolk — and this will be news to none — are inclined to be somewhat coy about their ages, on any of 365 days per year after they pass Birthday No. 21. Thus election registrars, when they see a lady coming up to the table, automatically fill in the age column with "21-plus." There are plenty of other examples. The Herald, and many other papers I'm sure, are often cheated of interesting feature stories when ladyfolk reach retirement time, because the ladyfolk don't want any publicity. Usually, a looksee under the surface will reveal that the age factor is the big reason. "And there have even been instances of families, well-aware of an elderly mother, aunt or cousin's feelings about age-telling, who refuse to divulge the age-at-death of the person who has left earthly existence.

I, being in the male department, could never understand what difference it made. But the best way to trap a lady into revealing the fatal secret is to insinuate she's a year or three older than actually estimated. I tried that one recently. To a friend of mine, I said, "You were born in 1902." "Not so!" she indignantly replied. "It was 1903."

Men don't mind much, from the telling standpoint, though plenty view approaching years, gray hair, and/or bald spots with grudging. Most of them think more about reduced activity than anything else. They've been in the habit of moving at a fast pace for a long time, and they don't like to break it. As for the ravages of time in the hair department, most men will relate that any special attention they give to Dr. Jones' hair restorer is due to certain feminine demands.

Age, of course, has again taken on a new meaning for the male members of the populace, and many are wondering, if after all, they are old enough, what with the draft blowing a gain. And some several I know didn't feel at all insulted when General Hershey, the chief drafter, remarked last week that the services wanted younger men, that these who had topped 30 are in the "burned out" class, at least as far as the services are concerned. As a matter of record, some several in the Age 30-plus category were ready to wire the General an official second to the motion.

Youngsters, up to age 21, are usually aiming for a future age which they feel will never be reached. After hitting the 21 mark, the years seem to speed by with most amazing rapidity. On the medicinal part, I thought I'd never reach school age. Then the next goal on the list was to reach age 12 and be eligible to join the Boy Scouts. Then it was 18. Oh, to be able to get the family bus, anytime I wanted it (this one didn't work out quite as I had anticipated.) Then the goal was 21, to be officially a man and own the right to vote. (Some of the votes didn't work out too well, either.)

But increasing age has its compensations of one kind or another, and few elders would ascribe too much to the old poem, "Make Me a Child Again, Just for Tonight." There is another poem which pretty adequately describes the growing-older business. It is Marc Cook's "Changing Viewpoints," which I got via Judson Chapman's column in the Greenville News:

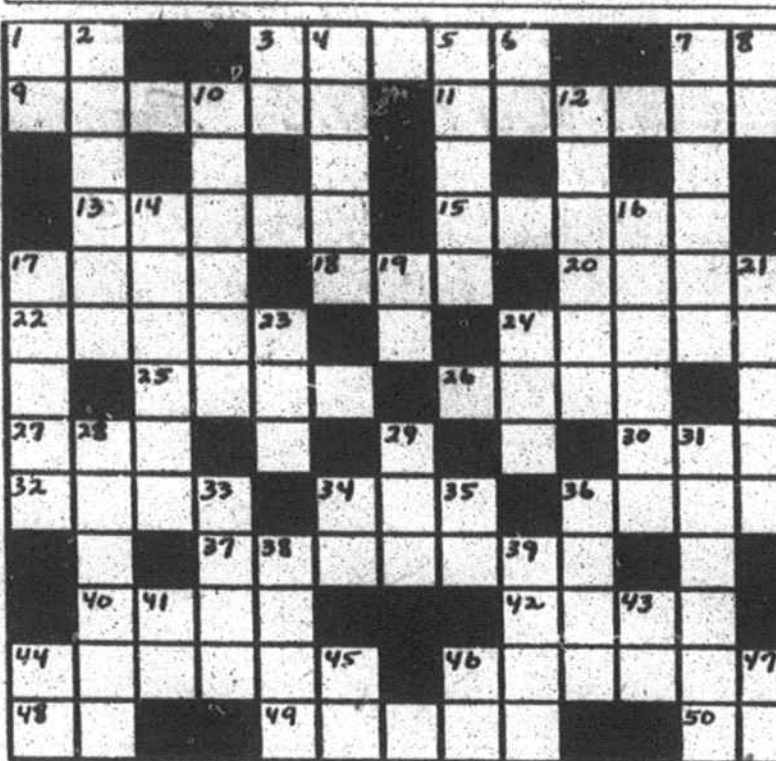
At six I well remember when I sat a little folks old at ten. But when I turned my first decade, Fifteen appeared more truly old.

But when the fifteenth round I'd run, I thought none old 'til twenty-one.

Then oddly when I'd reached that age, I held that thirty made folks sage.

But when my thirtieth year was told, I said, "At twoscore men grow

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- 1—Out of Print (abbrev.)
- 2—Citizen of one of the British Isles
- 3—One of the continents (abbrev.)
- 9—Place known as "The Crossroads of the Pacific"
- 11—Land of the "midnight sun"
- 13—To reverse
- 15—Name often applied to one of Europe's most famous cities
- 17—First name of famous Persian poet
- 18—Royal Military Academy (abbrev.)
- 20—Mild exclamations of rebuke
- 22—More rational goddess
- 24—Crating
- 25—Ancient Egyptian
- 26—Mexican monetary unit
- 27—Exclamations of surprise
- 30—Equality
- 32—Famous district of London
- 34—To obstruct
- 36—Man's nickname

This World of Ours

- 37—Continental name
- 40—Location
- 42—To incite
- 43—Virtuous
- 46—The modern Hispania (poss.)
- 48—Chemical symbol for gold
- 49—European city long known for its cheese (poss.)
- 50—Thoroughfare (abbrev.)

DOWN

- 1—Exclamation of pain
- 2—Famous man-made waterway
- 3—"Yes" in Spain
- 4—Juice of a fruit
- 5—Well-known Floridian city
- 6—South Latitude (abbrev.)
- 7—Type of trap-shooting (poss.)
- 8—American Anthology (abbrev.)
- 10—Island group of the North Atlantic
- 12—The great blood artery (pl.)
- 14—Pertaining to a Scandinavian country
- 16—World "battleground"
- 17—Norwegian capital (poss.)
- 19—Parental nickname
- 21—Land bordering water
- 23—Shortened name of popular South American city
- 24—Possessive pronoun
- 28—Japan's main island
- 29—At a distance
- 31—Greek city
- 33—Cereal grains
- 34—To exist
- 35—Smallest state of the U. S. (abbrev.)
- 36—South American rubber center
- 38—To give out
- 39—Small containers (abbrev.)
- 41—U. S. "Corn State" (abbrev.)
- 43—Name popularly applied to American soldier
- 44—Chemical symbol for calcium
- 45—Man's nickname
- 46—Chemical symbol for samarium
- 47—Godly person (abbrev.)

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

OIL SERVES THE WORLD

(Forest City Courier)
Late in May, the British government announced the end of gasoline rationing, which had been in effect since 1939. This surprise decision followed acceptance of an offer by an American oil company to supply all additional requirements of the United Kingdom, and to accept payment entirely in sterling. The sterling, under the terms of the agreement, may be used to purchase goods and materials within the sterling area for use outside that area.

This company's British affiliate is now building the largest refinery in Europe, in England. When completed, it will refine 110,000 barrels daily of petroleum products from Middle East crude and will contribute substantial dollar savings to the British economy, as all the products will be

bought with sterling.

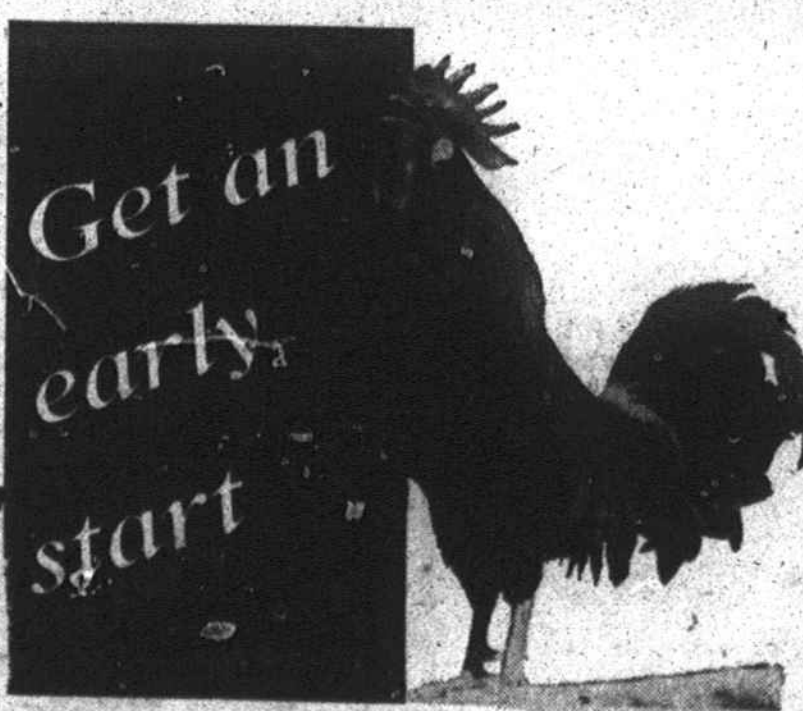
Here is a particularly dramatic example how the American oil industry serves the world. It is capable of achievements which are hardly dreamed of elsewhere. The company concerned is a large one, as are many other American oil companies, with the resources needed for huge investments on the international level. However, American oil companies of all kinds and sizes—and there are thousands of them—are quietly and effectively providing us with better products, and strengthening our external and internal security. Oil is the lifeblood of nations in this mechanized age, and we are the unquestioned leader in the field.

Demand for oil seems next to insatiable. The heavy increase in demand which followed the war, and more than made up for the drop in military consumption, surprised everyone. Yet that demand was met with only minor dislocations. No one suffered seriously for lack of oil. Only free enterprise could have accomplished that.

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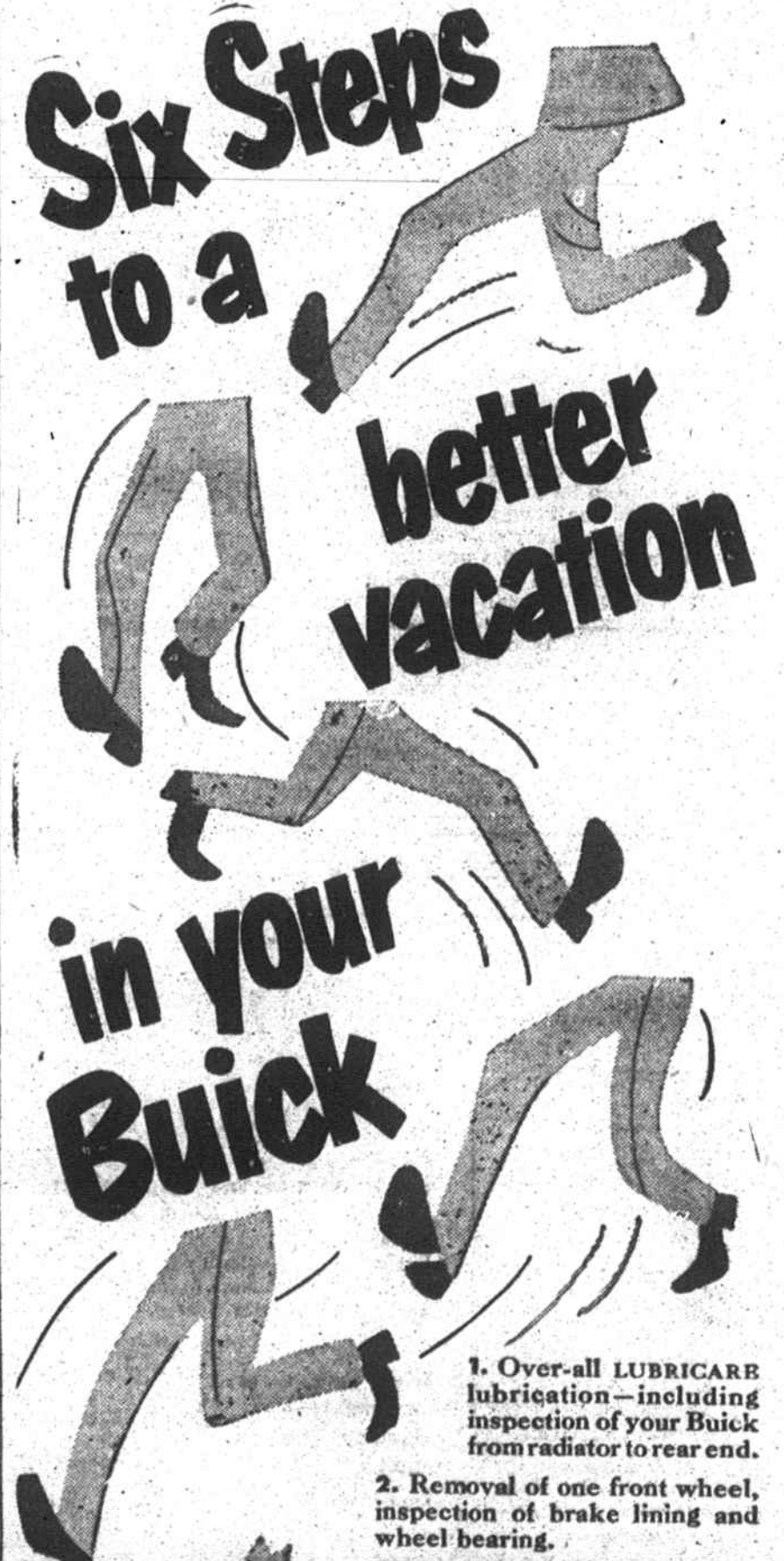
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