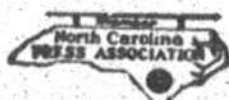


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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. I Corinthians 13:1.

### The Draft Again

By today, 66 Cleveland County young men will have begun to receive "greetings" from the county selective service board, and another 100 will also be receiving them for an August 24th date to determine whether they are physically fit for service in the armed forces.

Dispatch of orders for pre-induction physical examinations will bring closer home the fact that the Korean War, and attending dangers of outbreaks of aggression in other parts of the globe, is a serious matter, one which will hardly be cleared over-night, and one which is likely to continue for years to come.

It appears, painful as it may seem, that for the next many years, almost all young men are going to spend a portion of their time in one of the branches of service.

It will be a new role for a nation which, in all its past history, has never bothered to martial its forces until the crisis had already reached the shooting stage.

Only a short 13 years ago, there was much isolationism in this nation, as evidenced by the neutrality act and the anti-war efforts of many Congressmen and professional peace organizations. The sincere isolationists had ignored the shrinkage of the globe brought about by faster ships, the airplane, and other technological improvements.

There is little isolationist feeling being evidenced today, other than by groups which are Communist sympathizers.

The quickness with which the nation's opinion crystallized on the Korean War indicates that the people will not allow their political leaders to let the nation fall behind again on the business of maintaining an adequate military force, both in men and materiel, as long as the threat of aggression looms.

It is a sad commentary that man, for all his technological prowess, has failed to eliminate the waste of war. But he has not, and young men will continue to serve in the armed forces periodically for many years to come.

### The City Can Help

It is not the purpose of the Herald to write the agenda for action by the city board of commissioners, but it would remind the board that some effort should be generated by the city to require the bus companies to build, rent, or otherwise obtain quarters here which could be called a bus station.

While, essentially, the business of obtaining a bus station in Kings Mountain is perhaps more of a Chamber of Commerce function, the city has no Chamber of Commerce—and no bus station either—and a small city frequently finds that its city government must take on some of the functions of such an organization.

The history of the obtaining of bus terminals in other communities (and there are several examples nearby) will reveal that action by the particular city government had much to do with the successful result.

It is inconceivable to most citizens that a city of 7,200 persons has no place, other than the sidewalks, where a bus commuter can wait for his transportation.

While unpleasant in the heat of summer, the situation will worsen with the arrival of winter weather, with its cold and rain.

The Herald believes that the city administration would receive the plaudits of almost every citizen of the community, if it would tackle the problem in a manner which would produce results.

Our sympathies to the Stacey Huffstickler family. Pvt. Rufus G. Huffstickler was the first Kings Mountain casualty in the Korean War.

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Ben F. Beam, Superintendent Imperial Life Insurance Company, J. R. Spargo, and J. B. Moore, agent, left Wednesday to attend their company's mid-summer convention being held in the Seminole Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla. Their records were the three best of their company qualifying them for this annual 3-day all-expense-paid vacation.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**  
George F. Lattimore, Jr., in company with members of a tour-

ing party, is on a trip to Washington, New York and Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Glee A. Bridges are spending this week in Palm Harbor, Fla., with Mr. E. L. Campbell.

Mrs. O. W. Myers and children, Earle and Eleanor, are spending this week at Georgetown and Pawley's Island, S. C.

Mr. Hilton Ruth attended a two-day conference of Belk man-

ager's in Charlotte Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. M. L. Harmon, Jr., spent the past weekend in Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Fred Plonk entertained members of her bridge club and invited guests making up two tables, on Friday afternoon.

Miss Sara Kate Ormand was hostess at a lovely party on last Friday afternoon honoring Miss Christine Rhyme, Mount Holly bride-elect.

### martin's medicine

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

### Service Tales

It is only natural that the fighting in Korea should remind many veterans of the all-too-recent World War II, in which a large segment of the men entering service (which also included a vast majority of the young men of the nation) got shot at, of many experiences which punctured the equilibrium of those involved at the moment and which have lingered on as graphic memories of experiences they would take nothing for but do not care to repeat.

Some of these experiences are as hair-raising as a wild west movie, or as the delicious ghost stories most children fabricate for each other, and almost uniformly, they are related by the particular participants with a humor and zest that belies the seriousness and danger of the actual experience.

Carl Finger and Jim Bennett happened in the office at the same time the other day and the stories started. Both Carl and Jim saw a sufficiency of the shooting war in their travels abroad, and Jim had a particularly interesting tale to relate about the invasion of Italy. It was an effort to slip in, Jim said, and the navy didn't bother to soften things up. The Germans knew all about it, and going ashore was not exactly like a call on a friendly port. The three of us agreed that the most eerie business we encountered was the dropping of flares by the German air corps. The German flares seemed to be the best of all. They would light the blackest night like day, and it seemed to those on the ground side that they were pure and simply "shooting ducks."

Talking with W. J. Fulkerson the other night, I was reminded of Casablanca's only air raid after the invasion was completed. I am not sure whether Brother Fulkerson arrived with the first detachment of his unit, or not but those who did disembark off the transports on the previous afternoon. I understand that they were offered a choice of billeting spots: one a beach area for setting up of a tent camp, the other a vacant warehouse. The unit commander chose the beach. That evening, four Heinkel 111's paid a call. They dropped some live bombs and some duds with only small damage and none to military installations. But one of the live bombs demolished an end of the vacant warehouse.

There was a warrant officer aboard the first ship I joined named "Pay" Godwin, the paymaster in the supply department and a long-time navy veteran. Pay's most hair-raising experience had come shortly after Pearl Harbor when he was aboard the USS Chicago in the Pacific. Pay's battle station was for below deck in the stern of the ship where computations were made for firing the big guns. Submarines were sighted and all men were at general quarters. Suddenly the ship's loud speaker boomed with the Captain's voice. His words were, "Stand by to take torpedo aft." Pay said the next few seconds were the longest he had ever known. When the voice on the loud speaker spoke again, it reported that the Japs had accommodately set the torpedo too low. It had roomed under the ship without touching it.

Another skipper I met almost had heart failure early in 1943 when he received a routing destination message sent out from the Casablanca shore station. Sailing in the Mediterranean was not the most healthy pastime of the day, and those ships which moved east from Algiers were sending out engraved invitations for bombs and torpedoes. The final sentence of the decoded message had read, "Proceed to Malta." Though much relieved to find that the message should have read "Proceed to Gibraltar," the skipper was so angry about the new gray hairs and wrinkles he had sprouted, he made a diligent search to learn who had made the error. It was later chalked up to radio reception difficulties and the easy possibilities of error in the particular code system used for the message.

Censorship of mail was one of the dull, painful duties which fell my lot a couple of afternoons a week, but the most interesting letter I ever cut was a merchant mariner's report back home, relating how, of a dozen ships in his convoy, only two had made port. Having had access to communications messages, I was aware that the sailor was merely trying to impress his girl friend, for 18 of the 12 ships had arrived, and the two "strays" had been left behind due to engine trouble.

There was plenty of fun in the services, but sunnier in retrospect.

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

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### ACROSS

- 1—Of the nature of an explanation
- 11—Deserved
- 13—Commanded
- 16—Pieces of paper
- 18—Tokens of esteem
- 20—To feel indispensed
- 22—Thoroughfare
- 23—Ones who bring legal action against
- 26—Parental nickname
- 27—Royal Genealogy
- 29—This
- 31—To check or stop in advance
- 33—One of the continents
- 35—Roman numeral
- 37—Ancient Egyptian sun-god
- 38—Prefix denoting "three"
- 41—Genuine
- 42—Syllable applied to musical note

### This and That

- 44—Thoroughfare
- 45—Chemical symbol for samarium
- 46—Place of public contest
- 48—Scottish variation of "cat"
- 50—Raises the ante
- 52—Slopes
- 54—To travel again
- 57—English boys' school
- 59—To adjust
- 62—Quality of being superior in excellence

### DOWN

- 2—Enthusiasm
- 3—Printer's measure
- 4—Approaches
- 5—Chemical symbol for terbium
- 6—Possessive pronoun
- 7—Spiritlike
- 8—Coll device
- 9—Mental image
- 10—Unit of weight
- 12—A Muslim
- 14—Exclamation of satisfaction
- 15—Terminates
- 17—Timepieces
- 19—To dine
- 21—A squeezing
- 24—Period of time
- 25—Sea-going vessel
- 28—A chemist, with sleeves
- 30—A proposal
- 32—Triumphant Trimeter (abbrev.)
- 34—Chemical symbol for radon
- 40—Chemical symbol for calcium
- 41—Printer's measure (pl.)
- 43—An affection of the skin
- 47—To bring into line
- 49—Part of a building
- 51—Cerebral body
- 53—Thus
- 55—Mineral
- 56—Male domestic animal
- 58—Negative
- 60—Chemical symbol for nickel
- 61—College degree

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

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

#### WILL THIS POLICY WIN?

(Smithfield Herald)

Are we struggling to save and strengthen democracy or are we merely fighting communism?

The distinction is important because, the Communists aren't the world's only enemies of the democratic way of life.

The spirit of Hitler and fascism is still hovering over us and an American policy which overlooks this reality is a policy not likely to preserve either democracy or peace.

The Senate this week seemed to be more determined to crush communism than to add vigor to democracy. By a vote of 65 to 15, it approved a \$100 million dollar loan to the government of Dictator Franco in Spain, for Franco's country is considered an important ally in the war against communism.

But Spain is no democracy. Not only does it follow undemocratic principles. It has a government which came into power by overthrowing the legally elected government by force. Franco was able to succeed in his aggression against democratic forces because Hitler and Mussolini, our erstwhile enemies, backed him with money and military might.

The Senate's approval of support for the rotten Spanish government is damaging enough to the American cause throughout the world. But if the House should

#### CONCUR IN THE ACTION, WE WILL HAVE

suffered irreparable loss in our bid to win favor among the people of Europe and Asia in the battle of ideas with the Communists.

America, if it is to police the world, needs allies abroad. We can by propaganda try to get the people of the Far East and Europe to stick with our side. But we may be sure that our declarations about fighting for democratic principles won't get a sympathetic ear as long as we lend encouragement and support to undemocratic governments run by gangsters like Franco.

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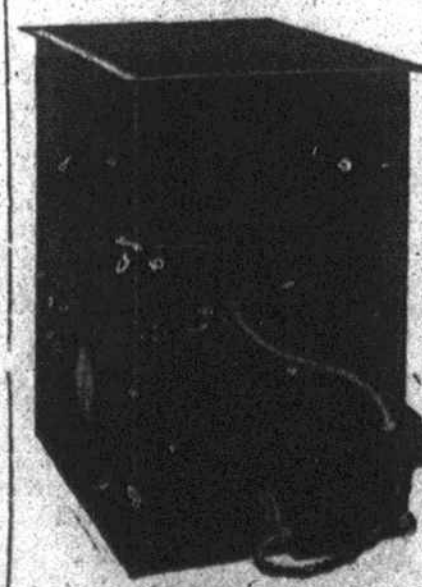


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