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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost. St. Matthew 18:11.

Military Vs. Diplomats

All the current fighting, if indications in the press and via radio in recent days means anything, is not confined to Korea.

Secretary of the Navy Matthews seemed to start things off with his "unofficial" speech, in which he stated it was sometimes necessary to "institute a war to preserve the peace." The State Department immediately hit the ceiling, as naturally it would, for it is easy to see what Russia's propagandists could do with a statement like that. It would, of course, be immediately applied to this notion's action in Korea, completely ignoring the fact that the Korean Reds started the action by invading the free republic of South Korea.

Following was the withdrawal by General Douglas MacArthur of a message which dealt with Formosa and which was supposed to have been read to a veterans' organization convention. What it contained is now known and it is known that MacArthur's recent visit to Chiang Kai Chek did not particularly please the President nor the State Department.

It is an old tussle between the military and the civilian branch of the administration dealing with foreign affairs.

The military sometimes is inclined to bull its way through, in the manner of the late General Patton, and many people are hopeful the nation never has another military graduate as its President, on this account alone. They reason that there is little democracy in the army (or other service,) and that military men would not be inclined to uphold the democratic precepts on which this nation's government is based.

The embarrassment caused to this government does not come in relations with the Russians, but in the effect of the statements on other nations who are in a position to sit in the middle, and, at the moment at least, not get too pro-United States or pro-Russian.

Friends in Kings Mountain of E. C. Brandon, Jr., former city engineer and supervisor, were glad to learn last week of Mr. Brandon's appointment as city manager of Burlington. This is another step up the ladder for the former Kings Mountain official, who left here to go to Asheboro as city manager.

This is probably an expensive suggestion, but the addition of a number of light poles in areas where new construction is rapidly rising makes one wonder if it would not be possible for the city to begin installing its power facilities underground. The Herald has no engineering knowledge on the matter, either as to cost or other factors. But it would be mighty helpful to the beauty of the landscape, if all wiring were underground.

The Herald's best wishes to two ministers, one who is leaving this community today, and one who is arriving today. We refer to Rev. W. H. Stender, leaving for Cameron, S. C., following more than five years as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, and to Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., who will assume the duties of pastor of First Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Stender has made a good record during his tenure in Kings Mountain. He is a forceful minister and a deep thinker and it is with regret that the community sees him depart. Rev. Mr. Cashwell comes to Kings Mountain with highest recommendations and with predictions on all sides that he, too, will serve his church and his community well.

New Social Security

The new amendments, broadening coverage and expanding benefits of the Social Security program, have now been signed into law. The immediate effect will be increased benefits for almost every person already receiving them. A near-immediate effect will be more coverage—on a wide number of persons who have not been under the program—beginning January 1. A longer term effect will be increase in "contributions," from both wage earner and employer. Another new phase of the program is inclusion of self-employed persons.

The long term effect, of course, proves again that one seldom gets something for nothing, which, perhaps, is as it should be.

Obviously, there was a need for overhauling the program. Increase of prices has made the former scale of benefits out-of-date for those absolutely dependent for their livlihood on this source. The new scale of benefits will help some, though there should still be plenty of incentive left for people to save, through the regular mediums to prepare for later years when they will be living on past savings, rather than present earnings.

Biggest headache of the new social security program, it appears, will be coverage on domestic help. The housewives and Uncle Sam's representatives are going to be in for a messy time, most folk suspect.

Mentality Rejections

A large number of rejections for army service, due to failure on the part of young men being examined to pass basic army mental tests, brought a blast last week from the state's selective service director against the state's educational system.

Dr. Clyde Erwin answered that he needed truant officers to force school attendance, and some army veterans recalled that they weren't given mental tests until AFTER they had raised their hands and been sworn into the Army of the United States. It also raised the question in the minds of some of the army veterans as to possible malingering on the tests by some of the examinees.

The rejection rate does appear high for state which had made the strides it has in public education, beginning in 1900. That the general level of intelligence has been greatly raised cannot be questioned, and it does seem strange that rejections on intelligence grounds should be as large as they have been.

As to Dr. Erwin's contentions concerning the need for truant officers, it is quite possible that this would insure attendance by some youngsters who are sometimes not too anxious to answer "present" as the classrooms roll is called.

At the same time, most teachers will be quick to say that some effort is required by the pupil himself. He can't get it all by the absorption process.

The doctor who served the army with $1,125 worth of X-Rays in one day must not have heard of socialized medicine. It is men like this in the medical profession who are inviting the ogre the doctors fear and which the majority of thinking people do not want. Theoretically, the American Medical Association is a self-policing organization. Incidents such as the above cause thinking people to wonder if the association could not do more toward preventing such incidents.

martin's medicine

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

September Starter

Here it is September, and I trust everyone is getting off into the first month of fall, and school, and football at a rapid pace, and via self-starter. It's just possible this department is beginning via the old Model T crank method, which is a far cry indeed from the speedy hydramatic, ultramatic, dynaflow, powerglide and other methods of getting underway in the fast - flying year of 1950.

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The year 1950 is fast speeding away, and, if anyone hadn't bothered to notice it, must now be sprouting a beard, for it's two-thirds gone.

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The New York Times, which manages a delicious nature editorial every Sabbath, would do more justice to September than I can, but September is a most interesting month. Things begin to hum again, after a summer lag which begins on July 4th and continues through the month of August. The Herald has postive proof about the lag. From a situation of excess news, where the mechanical staff is hard put to it to find room for it all, July and August presented an opposite situation. The job cut out was to dig up sufficient happenings to fill up. The paper's news department decided Kings Mountain folk had signed off from all excess activity until fall. Of course, it's pretty good occasionally for the news department to find it this way. It sharpens the news-gathering imagination considerably to have to dig every now and then.

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Here comes school again, and though the youngsters wail about the demise of free, fun-filled days of play, they really wouldn't miss it for the world. This reminds that there's a large group of "new" teachers who'll greet the youngsters this season, and, as I recall, there were several on the list with a 'Miss" before their names, which reminds that school-opening time holds interest for others than the pupils and their mothers. School opening has long been a signal for the young swains about town to survey the educational situation, and, of course, a check of married couples around the city will reveal that this survey is frequently fraught with danger. Paraphrasing a well-known local man, many a young man has chased a young Kings Mountain school teacher right up to the point where she caught him. (I recognize that the female point of view will be somewhat different in this matter, but there's an old saying that "it's a man's world," just a saying of course.)

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A pre-September visitor to the city during the past weekend was Mr. Les McGinnis, down for one of his occassional business - and - pleasure visits. The business part was a regular physical check-up by Dr. J. E. Anthony, and the pleasure part included visits with old friends and their offspring. Mr. McGinnis is a former Herald man (though It may have been called something else at the time), he is a good talker with a wonderful memory, and he likes to talk newspapering, which makes his visits to the Herald office most interesting and entertaining.

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Mr. McGinnis describes himself as a "printer's devil," who worked on Kings Mountain papers as a young man for the late H. P. Allison. Mr. McGinnis, in turn, says Mr. Allison was one of the best weekly editors in North Carolina. "He couldn't walk and had to operate out of a wheel chair," Mr. McGinnis says, "but he could get the news and did."

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Most interesting to me was Mr. McGinnis' reminiscences about the extra hot election (1909, I believe it was), when Kings Mountain, then half in Cleveland County and half in Gaston County, was deciding by ballot which way it would go. Mr. McGinnis was working in Washington at the time, but he came home for the election. As he recalled, the issue was pretty hot, with the Mauneys and the late R. S. Plonk spearheading the pro-Cleveland forces, and with the late Dr. O. G. Falls and Capt. Dilling spearheading the pro-Gaston forces. He didn't recall the exact vote, which put all of Kings Mountain in Cleveland county, but it was a close one.

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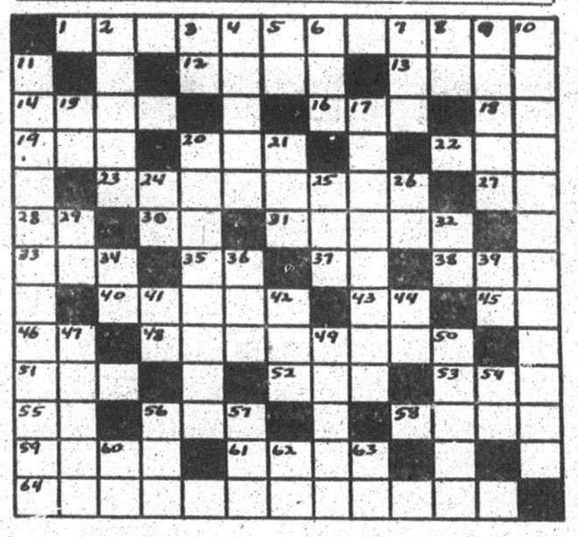
Mr. McGinnis arrived in time last week to make the Central Methodist church picinc, said he had a heavy tussle with temptation when he reached the pie and pastry table. His diet doesn't call for much in the rich sweet line.

CROSSWORD ... By A. C. Gordon



Great Sport

ACROSS

1—Financial-minded athlete
12—Baseball marker
13—The end of the line for a race horse
14—The mark of "whitewash" on the scoreboard
16—Implement used by devotees of the fairways
18—Musical symbol meaning "medium loud"
19—Exclamation denoting triumph
20—Condition of failure in a bridge game
22—Spectator activity at the race track
23—The supreme triumph of a fisherman (pl.)
27—Dazzling Hockey (abbrev.)
28—Roman 101
30—Toward
31—Sport of India (poss.)
33—What every sportsman loves to do
35—Wave length (abbrev.)
37—District Attorney (abbrev.)
38—A necessity for every smooth-running racing car
40—Bows to athletic supremacy
43—Latin abbreviation meaning "note well"
45—Belonging to
46—Legitimate Speeders (abbrev.)
48—Indoor aping sport
51—Numeral
52—Measure of area (pl.)
53—Item used in the old shell game
55—Variation of the prefix "e"
56—Born
58—Metallic element
59—Roman emperor
61—Presently
64—Person who chronicles the deeds of athletes

DOWN

2—Pertaining to the country
3—Battering ram of the great collegiate sport (abbrev.)
4—Alleviated
5—One of baseball's positions (abbrev.)
6—At least six games of tennis
7—To be indebted
8—Chemical symbol for nickel
9—Equipped for warfare
10—Offensive threat in football (two words)
11—Fishermen are proverbially known as disciples of this man (two words, poss.)
15—Exclamation of inquiry
17—Land of the sport of cricket (poss.)
20—Implement used in a winter sport
21—To careen
24—Preposition
25—Incline the head
26—Thus
29—Roman numeral
34—Northern Lacrosse (abbrev.)
36—Pastureland
39—Mythological maiden
41—Officer Commanding
42—A Spanish married woman (abbrev.)
44—Exist
47—Sports term, meaning to win every game of a series
49—Enthusiasm
50—Baseball turf stopper
54—Printer's measure
56—Neither
57—Feminine suffix
60—Roman Orders (abbrev.)
62—Exclamation of pain
63—Chemical symbol for nickel

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints . . . . .

LAUGHING AT RUSSIA

(Stanly News and Press)

Reports have come that the "Voice of America" is beginning to inject a bit of humor into the broadcasts beamed towards Russia and the other communist countries of the world. This is the most encouraging news that has developed in the propaganda war in recent months, for the stilted language of the State Department has not been calculated to do the job which needs to be done.

In addition to injecting considerable humor which the communist - dominated people can understand, we should start laughing at them. Nothing is so effective as ridicule. Here in this country, politicians know that nothing can do more damage to their campaigns than ridicule.

The "Voice of America" should laugh at their silly claims about inventing the many mechanical and scientific developments of the past 50 years, and it should always contrast living conditions in this country and in those lands behind the Iron Curtain.

We were just thinking this week that if the story of the Fuzz reunion which was held Sunday could be read over the "Voice of America" channels, it would be about the most effective message that could be broadcast. Gathering from all parts of this state and from other places more than 3,000 miles away, one big family came together for a day of renewing acquaintances. They were dressed well, they came in automobiles which belonged to them, and when the food was to be spread out it was necessary to set up four extra tables. And this still did not provide sufficient room, so many in the group did not even take their baskets out of the cars, carrying the food back home.

That is the sort of life which is possible in a land of free enterprise, and the more incidents of this kind that we can portray, the more dissatisfied the people of those lands will become. Tell them about the life in this country, and then laugh at them for being suckers to listen to Joe Stalin and his fellow gangsters.

"Two million acres in Ladino clover" is the goal of the Green Pastures campaign now being conducted by all agricultural agencies in the State.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Kings Mountain school will open Tuesday morning September 3, according to Supt. Barnes. The buildings have been cleaned and repaired and put in first class condition for the opening.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Fred Plonk was hostess to members of the Home Arts Club and invited guests at her home on Gold street Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harold Hunnicutt was hostess to her bridge club last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. P. D. Padgett entertained at four tables of bridge last week with Mrs. George Lattimore scoring high and Mrs. Harold Hunnicutt, low.

Mrs. Garland Still entertained with five tables of bridge at the home o her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mauney, last week.

Members of the Thursday afternoon Book Club and a number of invited guests were entertained at the home of Mrs. Rufus Plonk, Jr., at her home in Bessemer City.

Mrs. Jimmie Harris was hostess at three tables of bridge entertaining at her home on Piedmont avenue on Friday evening.

Mrs. R. J. Willeford of Palm Harbor, Fla., has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Campbell.

Miss Vera Ruth of Raleigh, and Mrs. R. B. Davis of Salisbury have returned to their homes after visiting their brother, Mr. Hilton Ruth and family.

Miss Addie Page of Charlotte was a guest of her brother, Harry Page, and family for several days last week.