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## TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. II Peter 3:9.

## Major Bulwinkle

The death of Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle last week came as a surprise to his friends through the district and in Washington, in spite of the fact that he had been ill health for the past two years and had been almost completely confined to his bed at his home in Gastonia in recent months.

The major was one of the long-time veterans in Congress, where he had served, with the exception of only one term, since his first nomination and election in 1920.

Congressman Bulwinkle was an interesting personality.

He was not a particularly forceful speaker, and many times he had strong opposition for the Democratic nomination. It was legend for the last many years when he had opposition that, "Nobody ever says he's going to vote for Bulwinkle, yet he always wins." Perhaps the Bulwinkle supporters were less vociferous than those of the opposition.

The secret, the Herald believes, of Congressman Bulwinkle's election successes was his complete willingness to render the smallest personal service asked of him when it was possible for him and his Congressional office to accomplish it. It made no difference to the Major whether a constituent was of high or low estate, or whether the request was for information, influence, or whatever. He gave speedy service.

In Congress, Mr. Bulwinkle was highly respected by his colleagues, and he was a hard worker on the several important committees on which he served.

## School Days

School is underway again, which means that the majority of youngsters are again trudging the regular paths to school buildings of the nation, in a nation where more people get an opportunity for education than any other.

All don't capitalize on the opportunity. Some children are allowed to stop school at too early an age, and others dawdle away their time in school, learn little, and become discouraged.

The schools can't do it all. The opportunity is there.

Parents could probably do more than any other one group to make the schools more productive of good results. It calls for some strong home discipline, which parents find it mighty hard to maintain in many instances.

It is natural for youngsters to think more about the next football game, the forthcoming movie and being out with the crowd, than the tedium of going through the books on tomorrow's lessons.

A concerted policy by parents to question rather strongly that old student dodge "I studied my lessons in school" would do much to quicken the learning pace in the schools of the nation.

It seems mighty early to be talking about Christmas, but the merchants report that some early-bird salesmen are already around showing lines for Spring '51. Thus the merchants aren't starting too early on their Christmas opening plans which has been scheduled for November 30. This date sounds like a happy one, in that Thanksgiving will be out of the way, a policy Kings Mountain has customarily followed. It is interesting to note that many of the big cities, which have been trying to start Christmas in the middle of the autumn, are finally bowing to the will of the people—who don't want to start Christmas until after Thanksgiving.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

The enrollment for the first session began her new duties day of school this year showed a gain of 18 over the first day of school last year according to Supt. Barnes. The total enrollment for all the schools this year is 1,637 compared with 1,619 last year.

J. W. Milam who has been manager of the Home Stores for the past eight years, has accepted a position with Plonk Brothers and Company.

Miss Selina Parton, who has been recently elected Secretary by the Board of Directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants As-

sociation, began her new duties Monday.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Honoring Mrs. M. L. Logan, Jr., recent bride, and Miss Adelaide Riggsbee of Charlotte, bride-elect of early September, Miss Helen Logan was hostess at a dinner-bride party last Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Of interest to their many friends in this section, is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Jeanette Whisman to Mr. Eugene Patterson, which took place in a surprise ceremony immediately following the morning

service at Bethlehem church.

Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Mrs. H. R. Hunnicut, Misses Bessie and Sara Ramseur were hostesses at a tea on last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Neisler on Piedmont avenue. The tea given complimentary to Mrs. W. L. Ramseur, a recent bride, was one of the lovely affairs of the late summer.

Misses Elizabeth Plonk and Frances Goforth spent Tuesday in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. F. E. Finger had as guests last week Mrs. Robert Morrison, Miss Virginia Mordson and Clarence Morrison of Hickory.

## martin's medicine

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

## The New Year

The Herald didn't report in its news column last week the day's worth of active duty spent on August 28th by two local reserve first lieutenants, Charles Carpenter, of the Herald staff, and Fred Finger, who now lives in New York City. Actually, reporting the news wasn't particularly necessary, for the news spread like wildfire that these two officers and gentlemen by Act of Congress had been ordered up for physical to determine whether they were still in shape for the multifarious duties of an army infantry lieutenant.

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Fred just happened to be here on vacation when the postman delivered the registered mail, and the two were the only Kings Mountain reservists who fell into the first group ordered up. A lot of time was not provided, the orders coming on a Saturday, and they being expected at Fort Bragg on Monday. But then, the army can show speed in certain instances.

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As one might expect, both Fred and Charlie reported a most interesting trip, punctuated as it was not by a puncture but a stripped timing gear on the Carpenter vehicle. This particular incident may have set the pattern for the day. It occurred at the village of Waggram, which is between Raeford and some other place down East. After getting the car in the hands of a repairman, they continued via the hitchhiking method with some other North Carolinians of similar disposition and status.

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This newspaper and individual citizens wasted no time in informing incoming Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham that the area, as far as farm-to-market roads was concerned, had been a red-haded step-child in the past, and Commissioner Graham promised that he would do his best to change that situation.

The fact of the hard-surfacing of the Oak Grove road indicates that Commissioner Graham did not forget his promise, and the new projects scheduled indicate that travel will be considerably easier in this section henceforth.

While the Herald anticipates that more roads will be hard-surfaced and otherwise improved during the remainder of the program, it does not seem too early to say "thank you" to Commissioner Graham.

## Send Jones

As the Charlotte Observer pointed out Monday, it seems quite foolish that a special election will be required to select an 11th district Congressman to fill out the unexpired portion of the term of the late Representative Bulwinkle, particularly when Congress will be in session little of the time, if any, and with another Congressman to be elected in November.

But that is the law.

Governor Scott indicated last weekend he would set the date in the near future, and it will probably have been set by the time this appears in print. The Governor could (or could have, as the case may be) save the state and the several counties a considerable aggregate sum by setting the special election on the same date as the November election.

From the standpoint of practicability, the Herald hopes that the citizen elected for the brief interim will be Woodrow W. Jones, the Democratic nominee, who almost certainly will be the Congressman beginning in January. The potential advantage is that Mr. Jones, should he be the interim Congressman, would go into his first full session as sophomore Congressman, rather than as a freshman. Committee appointments are based on seniority, and this would enhance the standing of the 11th district representative.

But the funniest crack, though,

"But," he continued, "there are the usual funny incidents around a group of army men, and this time was no exception. One guy was particularly bitter about the prospects of army duty. I don't know what was wrong with him, but when the major in charge of the examinations told him he was disqualified for active service, he jumped straight up in the air and gave a loud whoopie."

The funniest crack, though,

was by a young fellow who said his wife was expecting a new arrival in a month. "She nearly had it last weekend when the mailman brought these orders," the man told Fred.

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Charlie says that while going down, he had about decided returning to duty wouldn't be too bad — until the examination business started. Only two doctors were on duty — the major in charge, and a Negro lieutenant, who was a foot specialist. The number of experienced enlisted medics were quite few, too, and, it developed, quite a few of the men giving the several examinations (blood pressure, blood tests, etc.) were doing the job for the first time. Some were hospitalized themselves, and, nearing the out-patient category, had been pressed into service. Charlie noticed one of these new medics running the blood test line butcher up the guy in front of him and determined he was going to come out better. He asked the neophyte medic to let him do his own sticking, but the medic insisted he had benefited by experience. In order to help out (both himself and the medic), Charlie put a good squeeze on his arm and the vein bulged up to a nice big target. Amazingly, the medic hit on the first try — only to forget his business in the course of conversation and let the needle fall out. Several more stickings were required after that and Charlie came back with a butchered up arm which is still black and blue from the rigors of the ordeal.

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Misses Elizabeth Plonk and Frances Goforth spent Tuesday in Chapel Hill.

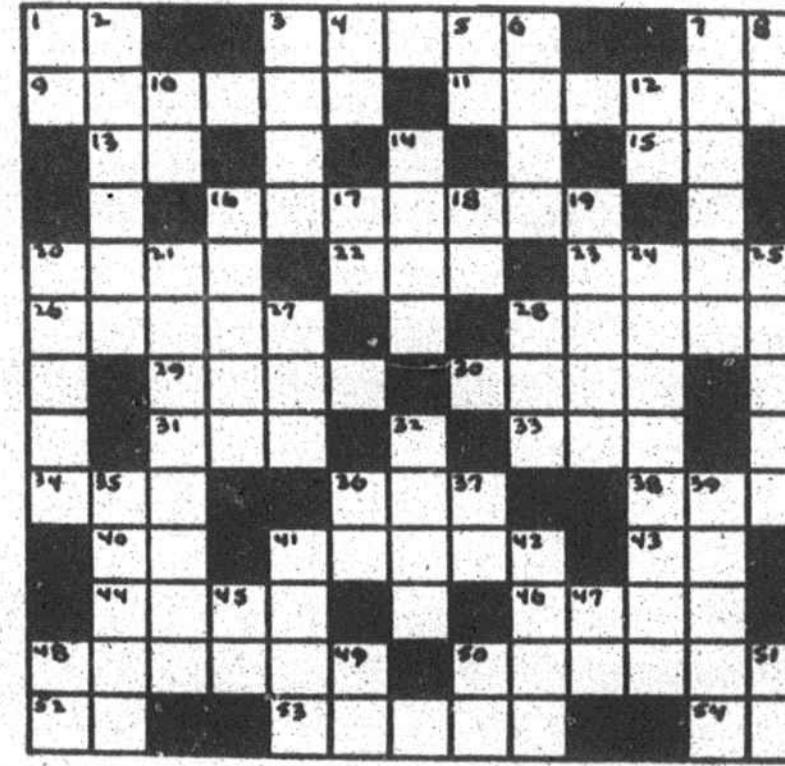
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ence Morrison of Hickory.

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



## Birds and Beasts

|  |                                       |                                  |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1—Like                                 | 42—Preposition                        | 18—Prenoun                       |
| 2—The animal that looks like a convict | 44—A kind of swift running dog        | 19—Long-legged wading bird       |
| 7—Three-toed sloth                     | 45—Navigation implements              | 20—The mark of the good          |
| 9—A large number of fish               | 46—Mammal distasteful                 | 21—A well-known beetle           |
| 11—Large numbers of fish               | 48—Male aquatic bird                  | 22—American sky-colored songbird |
| 13—Father                              | 50—Personal pronoun                   | 23—Turtle eggs of fishes         |
| 15—Roman numeral                       | 52—Catcher of a certain fish          | 24—Printer's measure (pl.)       |
| 16—Non-flying bird                     | 54—Toward                             | 25—Exclamation of discovery      |
| 20—Skin of a fur-bearing animal        | 1—Like                                | 26—Was carried on the horse      |
| 22—The only flying mammal              | 2—A sea duck                          | 27—Kind of worm                  |
| 24—Deer-like animal                    | 3—Homes for captured animals          | 28—Spanish affirmative           |
| 26—A hawk wilyly                       | 4—Latin article                       | 29—Personal pronoun              |
| 28—The lower deck of a ship of war     | 5—Radio Frequency (abbrev.)           | 30—That which is inserted        |
| 29—Annual retreats                     | 6—Mans name                           | 41—Period of time                |
| 30—Pronoun                             | 7—Hands on hip                        | 42—Lion language                 |
| 31—Periods of time                     | 8—Exists                              | 43—Degree                        |
| 32—Cattle                              | 10—Period of time (abbrev.)           | 44—Indefinite article            |
| 33—Mineral                             | 12—A crustacean inhabitant of the sea | 45—Printer's measure             |
| 34—A fly                               | 14—A crustacean inhabitant of the sea | 46—Chemical symbol for germanium |
| 36—To disseminate                      | 16—Well-known fish                    | 47—\$1,000.00                    |
| 38—Grain container                     | 17—Chemical symbol for terbium        | 48—\$1,000.00                    |
| 40—Chemical symbol for carbon          | 18—Chemical symbol for                | 49—\$1,000.00                    |
| 41—A kind of large sea duck            | 20—Chemical symbol for                | 50—\$1,000.00                    |

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## Other Editor's Viewpoints . . .

## SHAKY STATES

(Smithfield Herald)

If the 1951 General Assembly follows the State Constitution, it will reapportion its membership on the basis of shifts in population revealed by the 1950 census.

As the picture now stands, Johnston County will neither gain nor lose any representation in the legislature. But our position is none too secure. Unless the county's population expands at a more rapid rate, we find ourselves with only one House member instead of two.

Political newsmen in Raleigh have been studying the probable changes in legislative representation. They find that Alamance and Rockingham counties are in line to gain a House member apiece, from one to two members, while Pitt and Cabarrus each may lose a representative.

Citation of a few population figures will show how close Johnston County has come to losing a House member.

The 1950 census gives Cabarrus 64,010 inhabitants and Pitt 63,750. Each of these counties showed population gains, but nothing like the gains made by Alamance and Rockingham. Alamance added 1,608 inhabitants to reach a total of 71,035 and Rockingham moved up to 64,956 by gaining 7,067 since 1940.

Johnson County, with a gain of approximately 2,000, now has 65,751 inhabitants and, in the event of reapportionment in 1951, would likely stand next to the bottom among counties having two members in the House.

At the present rate of growth, Rockingham would slip ahead of Johnston during the nineteen fifties and we would face stiff competition for the two-seat classification from such counties as Cleveland, Wayne, Pitt, Cabarrus and New Hanover—all of which have 1950 populations ranging between 63,300 and 64,350.

Johnston's problem, as revealed by the census figures, is to discover ways of providing employment for the increasing number of persons forced to leave the farms because of crop curtailment or mechanization. We must confess that we didn't do so well

tors told Charlie he was temporarily disqualified due to a chronic asthma condition, and Fred is rather hopeful the occasional troubles he has with a leg which got in the way of a German machine gun bullet in the last fracs will discourage the army from wanting more service out of him.

Again thanking you for your interest and assistance, and with kindest regards, we are,

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Annual topdressing will hardly be needed if alfalfa is fertilized with enough phosphorous at planting time, in the opinion of W. W. Woodhouse, Jr., soil scientist with the North Carolina Experiment Station. Phosphorous, potash and nitrogen are the three main elements needed in fertilizing new alfalfa.