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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Galatians 3:24.

Long-Term Project

Last week's action by the city board of commissioners in setting up a city recreation commission to advance the cause of public recreation will be approved by almost all citizens of the community. The new ordinance has the effect of changing the status of the old commission, which was merely an advisory body, and gives the new commission power to receive funds and to expend them.

Next question, of course, is where the funds are coming from.

From statements made by Arnold W. Kincaid, a member of the old commission, at the city board meeting last week, the group anticipates that the forwarding of a public recreation project will be a quasi-public, quasi-private project, following the methods by which Shelby and other cities have obtained recreational plants.

First, it appears the recreational body will seek to obtain contributions for capital outlay from Kings Mountain business and industry, and, with excess profits taxes seemingly just around the corner, it seems quite logical that contributions from this source could reach a sizeable amount. Later on, the citizens may be asked to vote a bond issue to supplement the contributions, when it appears that sufficient amounts are in hand to launch the project.

Mr. Kincaid remarked that the old commission did not anticipate an overnight job and that it might be five years before any considerable recreational plant might come out of the commission's work. But five years passes quickly, and with a job to be done, there's never any time like the present for starting it.

A New Policy

The city board of commissioners talked, without action, last week of adopting a new policy concerning street-paving, which will mark a considerable departure from the old formula of street-paving assessments.

The commissioners indicated by their conversation and by declining to act on street petitions in hand that they may soon adopt the policy, already adopted by a great number of cities in this state, of assessing abutting property owners for the full cost of street-paving, with the exception, of course, of intersections. The old policy provided for two-thirds assessments, one-third on each side of the particular street.

Reason for the proposed change is the usual one, money, or the lack of it.

City governments have been in a financial bind for the past several years. Taxable valuations are low, and costs have gone up, up and up. Municipal income has been virtually fixed, whereas expenses have been spiraling.

The change in policy projected seems one of necessity and the assumption that street-paving benefits primarily the owners of abutting property (on which the present assessment policy is based) is a valid one.

The Herald would like to see changed another street policy. This is the requirement of the city for acceptance of property for streets. Under present policy the city will not accept for new streets property less than 40 feet in width. With a greater automobile population which is growing daily and the obvious fact that many Kings Mountain streets are already too narrow, it would seem advantageous for the city, in accepting deeds for future streets, to require a minimum of 50 feet, or perhaps 60 feet.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

The Kings Mountain School Band has accepted an invitation to play for the second annual Cotton Festival to be held in Greenville, S. C., October 3-5. Twenty other bands will take part in the big event.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Miss Eva Mae Suber was hostess at a lovely bridge party and miscellaneous shower Saturday evening at her home on Piedmont avenue, complimenting Miss Mary Sue McGinnis who left this

week to enter the Teachers Training College at Cullowhee.

Mesdames Harry Kimmel, John Jenkins, Arthur Hamrick, Gurch Hamrick were hostesses to the Try-L Club at their regular meeting at the Margrace Club house last Friday evening.

Mrs. Howard Ware was hostess at a delightful party and shower Tuesday evening, complimenting Miss Virginia Allen. Marriot Phifer was among

students enrolling at Erskine College this week.

The friends of R. G. Plonk, Jr., will regret to learn that he had the misfortune of breaking his left arm during football practice yesterday afternoon.

Ben Willeford, Jr., has returned to his home in Atlanta, Ga., after a two-week visit to relatives in Kings Mountain. Mr. Willeford is remaining his work as student at Emory University in Atlanta.

martin's medicine

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

Kings Mountain

If you're thinking the medicinal department has adopted a silly title for the current week, hold your horses. Don't be alarmed! No effort is being made to essay on the whole city at one fell swoop.

Actually, today's piece is a book review of the new novel "Kings Mountain," (\$3.00), just published by Doubleday & Company, Inc., New York 20, N. Y. Or shall the medicinal department confess, only a partial review? For in the interest of deadline time it was necessary to get the column finished before I could finish the 339 pages of the new historical novel, which the author and the publishers hope will be a best seller, if not in the proportions of "Gone with the Wind," then along that line.

"Kings Mountain" is not a "Gone with the Wind," as will have already been revealed by the number of pages. This is likely to make novel readers breathe easier, not that they didn't like "Gone with the Wind," but because they've seen too many attempts to duplicate the, shall we say, epic style of the Margaret Mitchell novel since it moved to new sales records. Needless to report, the duplicating attempts have uniformly missed the mark.

Frankly, the medicinal department is quite pleased with the first one-third of the novel, and, having progressed that far in short order, feels that reading of the remainder will be as satisfying as the final reels in a lively technicolor horse opera (which I like very much).

In other words, I know from history that Hero Recca McDermott's side is going to smother the British at Kings Mountain, and, knowing the tradition of the rollicking adventure tale, I would wager 10-to-1 that the hero also winds up with the right girl.

This is a round-about introduction to the novel, but perhaps it will suffice.

I confess to some surprise several weeks ago, when I had an advance notice about the book from the publishers, to note that the author's name is Florette Henri, which sounds like a very fancy name to me. However, it was not the fancy name that brought the surprise, but that the book was not authored by Ingils Fletcher, who, after some several books, appeared to have a copyright on the novel-making properties of North Carolina history. Maybe Florette beat Ingils to the draw. Anyway the book is out and it has already, in 122 pages, contained a surprise or two.

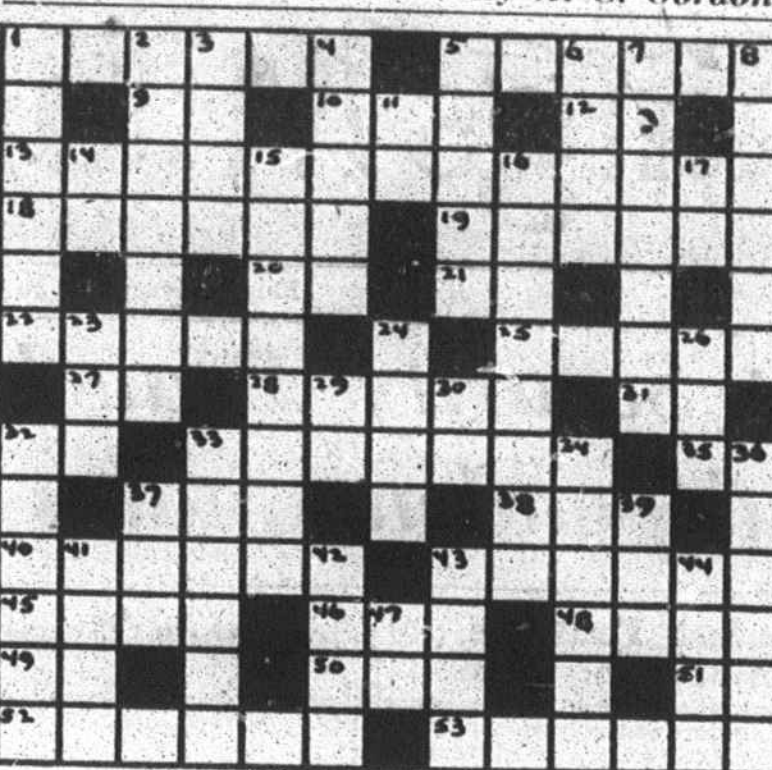
Principal surprise (is the treatment given in the early chapters to Col. Patrick Ferguson. My historical knowledge of the British colonel has been fairly well limited to his invention of the breech-loading rifle and his reputed brag that God Himself couldn't move him off the ridge he occupied. In the early chapters of the book, Ferguson is portrayed as an exceptionally good Scottish officer who is methodically loyal to his assignments, due to the military code, but not necessarily because he is in sympathy with the policies of King George III specifically, nor the English generally. Being a Scotchman and himself a product of a nation no happy with English domination, Ferguson is portrayed as sympathetic with the desires of the colonists to be free, and outright contemptuous of Col. Tarleton, the burning and pillaging Gen. Sherman of the Revolutionary war period.

How much research the author did and how closely she holds to the historical truth in her novel, I don't know. However, the historical characters present include Lord Cornwallis, "Jack" Sevier, and others who made the history of the period, and it is easy to agree with the jacket advertising come-on that "Kings Mountain is a racing, action-packed story..." It's title and history will make it particularly interesting to all people of this area in North Carolina.

It is a first novel for Mrs. Henri, and, in this modern day and age, good Southerners will ignore the fact that the author is active New York Yankee. From her picture on the cover, she is a very pretty young lady (which will be of some interest to potential male readers), and it is to her credit that, in the first 122 pages at least, she does not throw in too much of the sordid filth that most modern-day authors think they have to write to get big sales.

The medicinal department is looking forward to the final two-thirds of "Kings Mountain."

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- Competitors in an athletic speed contest
 - Engages in dueling competition
 - Period of time (abbr.)
 - Grassland
 - Exclamation
 - Descriptive phrase applied to the sport of wrestling (three words)
 - One of the Major League baseball parks
 - A costly fur
 - Exclamation
 - District Attorney (abbr.)
 - A pilfered base in baseball
 - To square
 - Comparative suffix
 - Abatement (colloq.)
 - Compass direction
 - Promissory Note (abbr.)
 - Top-secret sports messages
 - Part of verb "to be"
 - What the one-basher strives for
- DOWN**
- English football (sp.)
 - Division in a polo match
 - Sea eagle
 - What a fence will sometimes do
 - Crew weak
 - An authoritative standard
 - Race track selection
 - Consume
 - Snow vehicle
 - Ancient Egyptian god of the underworld
 - To distribute the contestants in an athletic journey
 - Exclamation of satisfaction
 - To join
 - Every one (abbr.)
 - Division of a tennis match
 - Chemical symbol for tellurium
 - The one who is the most "this" wins the race
 - Fear
 - Something athletic competition develops
 - Printer's measure
 - Egyptian sun god
 - A type of fishing
 - Engages in wrestling
 - Indefinite article
 - An important number in bowling sport
 - Sicilian mountain
 - Watery expanse
 - Latin abbreviation meaning "for example"
 - United Athletes (abbr.)
 - Method of attack in football (pl.)
 - Horseback riding device
 - A devotee of sailing
 - A baseball catcher could be called this
 - A driving aid for golfers
 - Combining form meaning "three"
 - The high jumper can do this
 - Managable
 - A suberm pronoun
 - Whistle
 - Personal pronoun

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

HEADLINE HEADACHES

(Gastonia Gazette)
Probably nobody was sorer to see Mayor O'Dwyer resign in New York than the city's newspaper headline writers. For in his stead they now must contend with a chap named Vincent R. Impellitteri.

It's hard to guess at this writing just how often Impellitteri will break into the news. But when he does he is almost automatically assured of double-column coverage.

Maybe the headline men should borrow a leaf from the sportswriters' book. There used to be a ballplayer around named William Wambagans. He was famous for making an unassisted triple play in the 1920 world series. The country's sports pages refused to deal with that jawbreaker. In box scores our fielding hero was known for years as just "Wamby."

So Impellitteri might be "Impy" or, in the Washington tradition of nick-naming, "Vincent the Imp." There must be some way to cope with that forest of tall consonants.

AN IGNORAMUS

(The Lincoln Times)
Education, when it takes, makes an individual receptive to new ideas.

It is supposed to enable a person to distinguish between epithets and reason when considering any matter discussed. Usually, education humbles

those who begin to know some of the little truth that human beings have been able to discover. When you see an individual who is afraid of new ideas, preferring to use epithets instead of reason, and presuming to know the answers to all questions, you can be quite positive that you are viewing the action of an ignoramus, no matter how many words he uses.

Temporary Wildlife Office At Asheville

The Wildlife Resources Commission will maintain a temporary office at 141 Linden Avenue, Asheville, telephone number 3-6456, to assist sportsmen desiring to participate in organized hunts to be conducted in the National Forest areas in the western part of the state, Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission, announced today.

Malcolm Edwards, Supervisor of Western Wildlife Management Areas, will be in charge of the office. The temporary quarters will facilitate dissemination of information and application forms for the various hunts, but will not collect fees for hunts or process application forms. Completed application forms and fees accompanying them must be sent to the Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh.

A winter cover crop is a good investment for Southern gardeners and fruit growers, say horticulturist of N. C. State College.

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