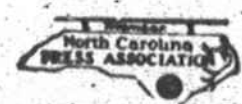


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lamentations 3:25.

Right Track

If it is productive of results, a meeting held on October 30th, should go down as a red-letter gathering in the city's history.

At the suggestion of the Kiwanis club public affairs committee, similar representatives from other civic and service organizations, the City of Kings Mountain has embarked on a Chamber of Commerce type of job in an effort to secure a bus station.

It was the decision of the group to seek action of the North Carolina Public Utilities commission in compelling the bus operators to provide suitable facilities for the convenience of their passengers, and it appears that this is the only possible avenue by which the desired results are obtainable.

North Carolina law requires that carriers supply adequate facilities for their passengers, and, though there appears a loophole in the law concerning economic feasibility, it would seem that the erection of a bus terminal here would be in line with operation of a bus company, particularly in a city of this size and served by as many schedules.

As reported previously in both the news and editorial columns of this paper, the bus companies have expressed complete unwillingness to spend any money whatsoever in providing these facilities. They agree that a bus terminal is needed and most desired, but they want someone else to invest the capital and without any risk to the bus operators.

Our congratulations to the Kiwanis club for its interest in this matter and to the city board of commissioners for tackling the problem. The effort to obtain bus terminal facilities certainly comes under the heading of "activity for the public welfare". Our sidewalk bus station was bad enough during the warm months, but is virtually unbearable during the cold and rain of winter.

Road Money

Currently getting the headlines is the report of a committee from the North Carolina League of Municipalities recommending that the State Highway and Public Works commission take over the job of paving and maintaining city streets.

The report is a further projection of efforts, over the course of many years, of the cities and towns of the state, to get a share of the money collected by the state in gasoline taxes.

Governor Scott has already candidly replied that taking over the city streets will require more money.

In turn, there is no unanimous agreement on the report, and it is hardly likely that the 1951 General Assembly will enact the recommendations into law. The Herald doubts that they should be.

Until 1949, the cities were allocated their share of a million-dollar kitty for gasoline tax revenues for street work, and this fund was raised to two and one-half millions by the 1949 General Assembly. Actually, this money is a book credit, and expense of maintaining highways through cities is charged to the account. What is left can be used for other streets. However, the credits are not carried forward, and the problem is for the highway commission to find the time to devote to city streets.

The Herald has long thought that as much as one cent of the gasoline tax should accrue to the cities. The Herald also feels that a city's credit balance at the end of each fiscal year should be paid to the cities in cash, with the provision that it be used only for street work.

Removing the street business from the city to the state would further remove this function of government from the people, and it is hard to see where much good could come from it.

Currently underway, or about to start, are three fund-raising campaigns which merit the full support of the community. There is the Jacob S. Mauney Memo-

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

The Annual Armistice Sunday Union Service will be held in the First Baptist Church Sunday evening, November 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to be ready for the Musical Tea to be held Saturday November 23, at the home of Mrs. Charles Williams, for the benefit of the Central P. T. A.

Misses Eoline Keeter and Vera Sargeant, students at Mars Hill College spent the past weekend at home.

martin's medicine

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

Documentary Film

Charlie Cash would probably have appreciated this piece more last week than this, for the title refers to the picture "50 Years Before Your Eyes" which he showed at the Dixie Theatre last weekend. However, reporting on the picture would have been impossible then, for I hadn't seen it.

This department planked down the required admissions on the recommendations of Mrs. Hunter Allen and Charlie himself. Of course, I customarily raise the eyebrow at Charlie's suggestions, for he is likely to think anything showing on the Cash screen is worth the cash. This time Charlie's grudging "it's pretty good" was quite in order.

Warner Brothers pieced together 50 years worth of news reel and other film to make a most interesting historical summation of the nation's half-century, with some several commentators taking turns at the job of narrating. Arthur Godfrey did some of it, Kaltenborn did some of it, and I believe I recognized the voice of Clem McCarthy when Joe Louis was on the screen.

Naturally, the quality of the film improved with the years, but as Skimp Stowe says about today's television, the 1899 news shots of the McKinley inauguration were "pretty wonderful". For Mr. McKinley, one of the nation's three presidents to fall by assassin's bullets, became president long before I was even thought about, much less born. And Warner Brothers tossed in a few shots of the old Keystone Cops escapades which makes one dizzy to look at, but which are funny even to this day.

Generally, the film covered the subjects of politics, war, and fashions, with other side shots of disaster and living. I am not sure but what the fashion department shouldn't come under the disaster heading. What the women have worn through the years is a shame and disgrace, and I do not refer to the shortness of the dress or the plunging of the neckline. In some years, the fashions made 'em look like laundry line poles, in others like the wash pot. I suppose the citizens of the year 2000 (barring man's self-destruction) will think the fashions of 1950 similarly abhorrent.

In the real disaster department, the most hair-raising shot was of the death of two men helping to land the blimp Akron. A sudden gust of wind sent the Akron skyward again, with three men hanging on her mooring lines. Two of the men lost their grip, and the camera recorded their plummeting earthward. Another strip of film recorded the sinking of a ship in World War I. The ship settled slowly on her starboard side, then rolled over before passing beneath the waves. Later on, pictures of the Bikini atomic explosion showed another ship, sinking in the same manner.

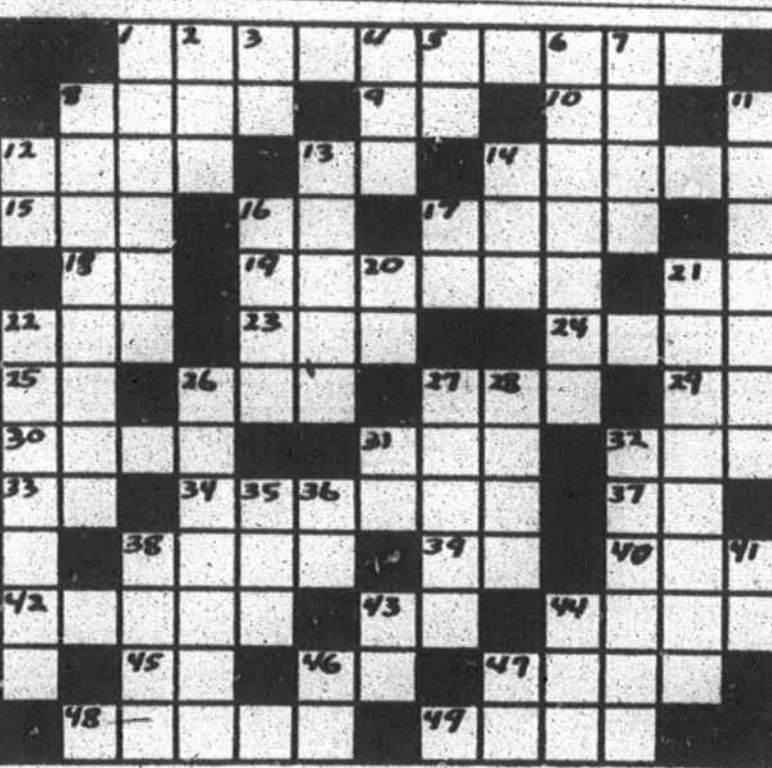
Film records of all the presidents, from 1800 to the present, were included, with the possible exception of William Howard Taft. There was Teddy Roosevelt who pumped his arms for emphasis much as Harry Truman does today; there was the personable Wilson, first beaming with sincerity and optimism, then disillusioned, sick and crushed after the United States refused to enter the League of Nations; there was Harding, the master politician, Silent Cal Coolidge, and the Roosevelt era. As amazing as anything in the film was the obvious aging of men in the president's chair. Roosevelt was young and dapper in 1932. The pictures of the Yale Conference indicate he was a very sick man. Even Teddy Roosevelt seemed unduly old in film taken after his presidential term of duty.

The film documents the emergence of Hitler from the rail car in France after accepting the French surrender in 1940. He was so tickled he could hardly contain himself. Hitler would have been the last to believe at that moment that his whole empire would be in shambles in the short space of five years.

It would appear that Hollywood has a great opportunity to do more with the documentary type of motion picture. The films of this kind are history unfolded and they're more exciting than the fiction writers can possibly produce. For my part, I hope the Kings Mountain theater operators grab on to all documentary films available, for I expect to see 'em.

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS
1—Popular backyard sport (plural)
2—This means nothing in tennis
3—Prefix denoting "joined"
4—Chemical symbol for cuprum
5—A good sport knows how to do this
6—Pronoun
7—A kind of sport for the beach
8—Stylable applied to musical note
9—Beads (colloq.)
10—Pins, in boxing
11—Old graduates
12—Chemical symbol for tantalum
13—Number of bowling frames
14—Sports enthusiasm
15—Fragrant ointment
16—Measure of area
17—Possessive pronoun
18—City Bowling Association (abbrev.)
19—One in Scotland

DOWN
1—Major league baseball town
2—Hall
3—Prefix denoting down
4—Hockey hatterground
5—Not at all
6—Musical sweet potato
7—Hard, dry seeds
8—Sports lover who just watches
9—A swimmer who's going nowhere
10—Long Punter (abbrev.)
11—Distance runner
12—Every good athlete plays to do this
13—Binding for the sore-muscle athlete
14—Towards the top
15—Athletic reconitioners
16—Objective for archery
17—Cross-country runner
18—Sports abbreviation
19—Home of the horseshoe pitcher's implement
20—Indefinite article
21—Baseball hit
22—Vase
23—Not Specified (abbrev.)
24—Comfort
25—Chemical symbol for tellurium
26—Bragging to
27—Imprudent employed in water sports
28—Latin abbreviation signifying "that is"
29—Parental nickname

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

CORPORATION EARNINGS UP

(Transylvania Times)

Not many of us have such an income that we find ourselves embarrassed by a surplus of funds on payday, but that is exactly the condition in which nearly 200 of the country's largest corporations find themselves as a result of sensational increase in earnings for the third quarter of 63 per cent as compared with the same period last year. The gain for nine months was 40 per cent.

A sharply increased income means demands from stockholders for larger and extra dividends, which many of them are getting, but they have received only 40 per cent of the windfall. Corporation directors are inclined to plow back the balance into the business rather than borrowing or selling securities.

Labor leaders will also be interested in the larger earnings for they will tend to fortify their contention that corporations can increase wages without jacking up prices.

Congress will be more interested in the swollen income than either for greatly increased appropriations are going to be necessary to finance the defense program.

WASTEFUL PRACTICE

(Frankfort, Ky., State Journal)

Don't burn the trash off your fields this fall. When straw, corn-stalks and other crop residues go up in smoke, you lose valuable nitrogen. In addition, you destroy organic matter vital to soil rebuilding and crop production.

Burning the stalks of a 100-bushel corn crop costs you 6,500 pounds of organic matter and 55 pounds of nitrogen, reports the Middle West Soil Improvement

Committee, based on estimates by agronomists.

When you light a match to straw from a 30-bushel wheat crop, 21 pounds of nitrogen and one-and-half tons of organic matter are destroyed. Straw from 25 bushels of soybeans returns 20 pounds of nitrogen and a ton of organic matter to the soil.

It takes more effect to plow these materials than to burn them, but an extra 10 to 20 bushels of corn per acre and a more fertile soil should be worth the extra trouble.

If you don't plow down trash, the best practice is to leave it on the surface. It will slow down water run-off and erosion. It will help save more moisture, for crop production.

Tests are under way to improve the quality of present apples by increasing their vitamin C content, adding the spice-like flavor and imparting the smooth, after-cooking flesh texture of certain of the German and Newland apples.

Limited tests indicate that fertilizer bags made of vat-dyed or printed cotton fabrics may have approximately the same re-use value as similar bags now widely used for storing and shipping flour and feed.

Chick placements in the Chatham-Wilkes commercial broiler areas for the week ending October 21 were 37 per cent above those for the same period last year.

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Letter To Editor

I am writing this letter to editors and news directors all over North Carolina in the hope that you may help to prevent what we consider an injustice to teachers. Knowing the interest of the press and radio in public education, we do not hesitate to speak frankly. Of course, you may disagree with what we say. The contingent salary for teachers provided by Section 20 1/2 has been much in the news lately. When the checks paying this promised salary are distributed in December, the event will be on the front pages again. Reporters, headline writers, and newscasters will call it everything from a "pay hike" to a "bonus." We will not argue too much about calling it a "pay hike," though we hope it will be kept in mind that the "hike" was granted on April 22, 1949, over a year and a half ago. What we object to is calling

it a "bonus." Nowhere in Section 20 1/2 is the term "bonus" used. When teachers receive these checks, they will be receiving salaries provided by the 1949 General Assembly. These contingent salaries could have been paid on June 30, 1950, as provided by law; and we feel that they should have been paid. We feel that it will be grossly unjust to teachers if the public gets the impression that the teachers are receiving a "Christmas bonus." There is a vast difference between getting a "Christmas bonus" and in waiting until Christmas to receive salaries that by law should have been paid in June. In the interest of justice and accuracy, we hope you will keep these facts in mind in reporting the payment of the contingent salary. We will be glad to hear your reaction to this letter. Sincerely yours, Henry C. McFadyen, Director of Public Relations

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