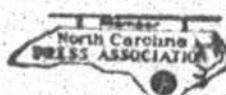


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. St. Luke 5:20.

Sales Tax

Back early in the nineteen thirties, the State of North Carolina adopted the "emergency" tax on retail sales, and, as is the habit with taxes, the "emergency" has existed ever since. At least, the tax is still with us and is apparently here to stay.

It has been an issue in several gubernatorial elections since its enactment. Dr. Ralph McDonald was a sales tax repeal candidate for governor in 1936 and lost by a fairly close vote. In 1940, J. M. Broughton promised to remove the sales tax from the home table. He won and made good on his promise, but only by virtue of some heavy head-cracking of some members of his first legislature. Dr. McDonald tried again in 1944 and again worked over the sales tax, but this time Dr. McDonald didn't even come close. In 1948, neither major candidate gave the sales tax much attention.

Last week, Governor Scott projected a new sales tax discussion, when he indicated he might ask the 1951 General Assembly to remove some of the sales tax exemptions, presumably those now on foods and medicines. The state department heads, as usual, have come up with increased budget requests, which, if granted, will require more revenues, if the state is to pay off in the next two years.

Obviously, a sales tax on food is odious, not only to those who pay it, but to small town merchants, particularly, who serve as tax collectors and get the cushion, in some instances, that the tax collector would ordinarily get.

Of course, the sales tax in North Carolina is here to stay, but most citizens will probably agree that other sources should be sought for tax revenue than returning the sales tax to the dinner table.

Some will suggest that the legislators do some paring on budgetary requests, and that method might prove quite practical and justified.

Byrnes Forthright

James F. Byrnes, soon to be Governor of South Carolina and with a distinguished background of public service, addressed South Carolina doctors in Charleston last weekend and his words should have given them food for thought.

Mr. Byrnes told the group that he had always been glad to battle against socialized medicine and had in no wise changed his views. But he added, "The doctors should get their own house in order." Mr. Byrnes suggested that the best medium would be in increasing the supply of doctors.

This does not agree with the statements of the president of the American Medical Association in a recent interview over the radio program "Reporter's Round-Up," when three New York reporters interviewed the doctor about the AMA's publicity campaign.

At one time in the interview, the doctor made the flat statement "there is no shortage of doctors." At another time, he said the increase in the number of doctors in the nation is two percent greater than the increase in population.

More folk are likely to agree with Mr. Byrnes.

As previously remarked, North Carolina's potential output of doctors will be stepped up with the four-year medical school at the University. This will give the state three full course medical schools and it is natural to assume that a good portion of the graduates of the three will eventually choose North Carolina as a place to practice.

Our congratulations to Coach Everette Carlton, who is one of ten North Carolina high school football coaches chosen to serve on the Charlotte's Observer's all-state board.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. H. L. Burdette, will begin his duties as City Manager of Kings Mountain next Monday morning according to an announcement last night from Mayor J. B. Thomason.

entertaining at the home of the former Tuesday Afternoon. The regular meeting of the Senior Woman's Club was held last Friday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. D. C. Mauney, presiding.

Street Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. K. Mauney was hostess to members of the Colonel Fredrick Hambright Chapter DAR at her home last Wednesday.

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

martin's medicine

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

Turkey Time

Next Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day 1950, and, as usual, it will be a rough time for the harem of Tom Turkey. I suppose Tom, himself, may have some troubles, too, but the accent will be on the females of the flock for most folks around here specify "turkey hen" when they're placing their orders.

Among the changing trends in food consumption in this country is the use of the turkey at other times than during the period from Thanksgiving, Day to Christmas, and perhaps to January 1st. The grocers have been selling some turkeys for several weeks already, and they will continue to sell them throughout the winter season. Still, however, the principal turkey-on-the-table period is from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The turkey may reign on until the brown-eyed peas and hog jowl of New Year's Day, of course, but usually in salad or hash form, not in the original hefty slices of succulent white meat.

Turkey makes a mighty acceptable main dish, if the proper trimmings are around to take care of the color scheme. Where would turkey be without a rich red dish of cranberry sauce? And the pumpkin comes in for its share of glory, too. My resource materials do not indicate whether John Alden and his Pilgrim friends got acquainted with cranberry sauce, but certainly they knew what to do with a pumpkin.

Personally, I am not a pumpkin man, unless the spices of India are used to the point that only spice is tasted. But some folk I know wouldn't feel at home unless the turkey and dressing were followed by a big piece of pumpkin pie, adequately coated in whipped cream.

Thanksgiving comes closest this year to being back to normal than in any year since Roosevelt at the behest of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, started fiddling with the date. I am not sure that there is nation-wide agreement on the celebration of Thanksgiving this year, what with five Thursdays appearing in November, but generally, Thanksgiving is not going to run into Christmas as much this year as it has in the past.

The idea of Thanksgiving should be put out of the way as quickly as possible in order to hasten the ringing of the cash registers on Christmas sales, are coming to realize that it just won't work. The country is too steeped in the Thanksgiving tradition. The people have to get their Thanksgiving dinners digested before they turn to Christmas shopping, and they resent the business of putting Santa Claus out too early. Charlotte had a big festival early, but this year they didn't call it a Christmas celebration.

The Thanksgiving observance is a good one, for certainly most people have plenty to be thankful for, if they'll bother to take inventory. That the legends report is why the whole business started in this nation. The Pilgrims had made a good crop, had placated the Indians into friendliness, and were receiving the better portion of the promises of the New World. Later on, if my history memory is correct, George Washington decreed the day into a national observance and we have had Thanksgiving ever since. Of course, there are recorded Thanksgiving observances much previous to Gen'l George's Day, in Biblical days and in the Old World, but there is no record showing that women of those days plucked a turkey hen out of a freezer-locker for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Probably one of the most generous gestures of the American people at Thanksgiving time is the monetary support given in the season to orphanages of the nation. I was reminded of this by the annual editorial suggestion sent the Herald by Oxford Orphanage, which the Masons own and support. Superintendent Gray, of Oxford, points out in a letter that North Carolina is one of the most orphanage-minded states in the nation, which, I would say, is a high compliment to the state and its people. Most churches take special offerings at Thanksgiving for their orphanages, and while I am rather strong for the "unified budget" plan of church operation, this is one of the exceptions I favor strongly.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving and many American citizens will celebrate the day just as the Pilgrims did over 300

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS
- 1—Name of a line of Egyptian rulers
 - 6—Ancient Greek lawgiver (10 letters)
 - 11—Fragrant East Indian tree
 - 12—Famous American poet
 - 14—Russian ruler known as "The Terrible"
 - 15—Old German teller of marvelous tales
 - 18—One of Queen Elizabeth's favorites
 - 19—Stalk of grain
 - 21—Ecclesiastical (abbrev.)
 - 22—Auriferous
 - 24—Latin connective
 - 25—Printer's measure
 - 27—Famous batter surmounted by Hannibal and his army
 - 29—Combining form denoting air
 - 31—Preposition
 - 32—Indefinite article
 - 33—Correlative of "or" (abbrev.)
 - 34—Roman 950
 - 35—Favorable
 - 36—Toward
 - 37—Most famous French chemist
- PAGES OF HISTORY
- 39—Either
 - 41—Personal pronoun
 - 42—Pronoun
 - 43—College degree
 - 45—One of the chief gods of ancient Babylonia
 - 47—Alcoholic beverage
 - 49—Behold!
 - 50—Comparative suffix
 - 51—A kind of tree (11 letters)
 - 52—Newspaper announcement
 - 54—Genuine
 - 56—Distress signal
 - 57—Lake scene of a famous American-British naval battle
 - 59—More domesticated
 - 60—Former Russian ruler
- DOWN
- 8—Apparent
 - 9—Girl's name
 - 10—Chemical symbol for stannum
 - 13—Exclamation
 - 16—Roman numeral
 - 17—Pronoun
 - 18—Biblical woman
 - 20—To solicit
 - 22—Biblical Apostolic letters
 - 23—Famed British courtier
 - 26—Protective covering
 - 28—Pastureland
 - 30—Large Australian bird
 - 31—Also
 - 32—Former Belgian ruler
 - 37—A stone
 - 38—Washes lightly
 - 40—Donor of a well-known British scholarship
 - 44—Extent of space
 - 46—Electrical Engineer (abbrev.)
 - 48—Latin abbreviation for "that is"
 - 49—Dr.
 - 52—Aix denoting "joined"
 - 55—Exist
 - 58—Ancient sun god

Other Editor's Viewpoints

NO ARMISTICE (Bladen Journal)

We can hardly expect an armistice on November 11, 1950, as the United Nations forces shoulder arms against the threat of Communism in North Korea, for we have come to learn that we can risk no truce with this enemy, no armistice with Russia, which seeks to rule the world. The origin of the word "armistice" is interesting, coming as it does from the union of two Latin words signifying "arms" and "to stand still." The world in general has become accustomed to the word since that day in 1918 when came the ending of what is known as "The Great War."

In many places in the United States, people pause for two minutes of silence on the day, seeking to learn of true peace for the individual and the world. All of us who love peace and earnestly seek an everlasting armistice should pause on that day and offer a prayer that we in America and in the nations of the world which seek a righteous peace, may increase our moral armament, as well as our physical armament, and that we may have the spiritual energy with which to engage the enemies of mankind and conquer them. November 11, 1950, Armistice Day, with such a chain of prayer throughout the peace-seeking nations of the world, could have powerful results, for as the poet Tennyson said: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain for peace night and day."

MORE TAX COLLECTORS (Concord Tribune)

Many a housewife or farmer has not yet come to the realization that, beginning January 1, 1951, she or he will take over a new role as tax collector for Uncle Sam. Employees in domestic work or farming we among those brought under the federal social security program as of that date.

The employer must pay 1 1/2 per cent of the wages paid an employee, and must at the same time deduct a like amount to be paid by the worker, and must report and pay these tax collections quarterly. In order to qualify for social years ago, they'll attend church and eat a turkey dinner. Many other Americans will spend the better portion of the afternoon in the various football stadiums of the country, which is probably a reasonable substitute for a soccer game with the Indians.

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security, domestic help will have to work at least 24 days for the same employer and earn at least \$50 during a three-month period. Farm labor must earn \$50, not including food and shelter, and work for the same employers 60 days during a quarter to qualify. For instance, a domestic worker in Concord is employed 2 days each week by three separate house wives, each of whom pays at the rate of \$2.50 daily. Each of the three employers provisions a tax collector under provisions of the amendments to the law. And some of them are going to be quite put out when they realize their new status.

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