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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14

Civil Defense

The city board of commissioners is following the lead of the state and other cities of the nation in endeavoring to set up an organization which it hopes will never be needed.

The organization planned is for civil defense, and the big impetus is the currently strained international situation and the possibility that at some time the Kings Mountain area might be the victim of atomic attack.

Otherwise, the organization would be available for use in any kind of emergency. While it is hard to foresee Kings Mountain having to contend with a flood, as occured in California last weekend, or with a big explosion, as occured a few years ago in Texas City, Texas, or other castastrophes of that nature, there is no reason to believe that this community is immune from tragedies of similardevastating type.

The civil defense unit would be invaluable for such an emergency.

But the fact remains that the real reason for setting up the organization is the possibility of enemy action, which is devasting when mere ordinary bombs are used. To a statement that there was considerable question that Kings Mountain would ever be a target, City Administrator Fuller remarked it is possible that bombers, headed for Oak Ridge, Tenn., might follow this route, get in trouble. and dump their bombs. That accident just might occur in this vicinity.

The civil defense plan is predicated on the old axiom, "A stitch in time saves

In choosing Ollie Harris for the nonpaying job as chairman, the city board has shown good judgment. Mr. Harris will "work at it," and this is the key to the success of any job.

Mr. Harris, the board, and everyone else hopes that the organization will never have to function. But it would prove invaluable, should the occasion a-

Buy Seals

The annual request of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis association for citizens of the area to buy T-B bonds and Christmas seals was made Monday, and the work of this organization indicates that it should be fully supported. Even before it received the added fa-

cilities of a chest X-Ray unit, the assoclation had done much to stamp out tuberculosis in this county, and now it is doing even more. In addition, the association provides treatment and care for indigents who contract the disease and who can't afford to pay for treatment.

Since the X-Ray machine was put into use, 29 active cases of tuberculosis have been discovered as well as many other chest ailments. This indicates that an ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure.

Carrying the analogy further, the ounce required of citizens of the county is \$9,000 for the coming year's preventive program. It should be well worth it.

The wheels of public opinion are being greased for re-institution of the automobile inspection program in the state, which the General Assembly may re-enact. Unfortunately, there is no way to inspect the drivers themselves for tendencies toward chance-taking, passing on curves, excessive speed, etc. Driver error is responsible for most of the auto accidents, insurance reports reveal. Of course, supporters of the car inspection program will contend, a person killed in an auto accident is just as dead, be it driver error or mechanical

Tax Matters

When Congress re-convenes next week, the top item on the list will be that ever-present problem, how to get more money.

With expenditures rising, due to higher military expenditures and a concurrent failure to curtail non-defense expenditures, the Congressmen find it imperative to get more money, a task they

This time the citizens are helping them slightly, agreeing that more money is required. However, there is considerable difference as to method.

Certain representatives of big business are making a frontal attack on the excess profits tax method of increasing the income. They prefer simply raising the corporate tax rate, pointing out that excess profits taxes penalize growing businesses and results in undue waste by business. They also suggest increasing excise taxes and personal income taxes, but these suggestions might be called a flanking attack.

On the other hand, big labor is calling for excess profits taxes even heavier than that requested by President Truman, who wants Congress to enact a 75 percent tax on all profits over a particular base period, say from 1946 to 1949.

Assuming that big business and big labor represent the extreme poles of thought, it can be further assumed that the equitable answer, if there is any in tax matters, lies somewhere in between. However, most citizens should oppose increases on lower-bracket personal incomes. Particularly harsh seems the suggestion of some to lower the personal exemptions, now only \$600, which anyone can plainly see will limit the exemption to the amount of food a person consumes in a year.

Actually, some business men weren't feeling too badly about the prospect of an excess profits tax if the allowable return were based on the 1946-49 period. The years 1946-48 were generally good years, and 1949 could have been worse. At any rate, this base period would be better than that adopted for the excess profits tax figuring during World War

Decision of the City of Kings Mountain to employ a mechanic to look after city equipment was not surprising, for the matter had been talked back and forth for several months. Looking at the figures on the amounts spent for this work during the past few years makes one wonder if the total justifies the change. While the paper figuring indicates a potential dollar saving of \$2,000 per year, it must be remarked that the city will have to buy some considerable equipment and that the mechanic will have to have a helper for the blg portion of his work. Assuming that the city will continue to grow and that the city government will use more and more trucks and other motorized equipment as the years pass, the establishment of a city garage may prove a good move on a long-term basis. However, the Herald anitcipates that the setting up of a garage will, in no way, eliminate the expenditure of city funds for mechanical work with private garages which have the necessary equipment and manpower to do that work, at least not in the near

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its next paper collection for December 3rd. It'll be an ideal time toclean out the attic before Christmas.

Our congratulations to Houston Black, who has been chosen for the current year's edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Items of news taken from the 1940 files of the

medicine By Martin Harmon

martin's

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Fear and Trembling

Number 11 of 1950's 12 months is about to exit from the stage, giving rise among the older folk of that ever-continu-ing question, "Doesn't time and reminding the various Santa Clauses of the land that it is high time to act. The word is out that wheel goods won't be in too over-abundant supply this season, which means that the early-bird Santa Claus will be in better shape for Christmas morning. f-a-t The exit of November is a

reminder for one and all to check their Christmas list, and here is where the fear and trembling act begins, for few have done much about those last New Year's resolutions to visit the savings banks and the other institutions to take care of the financial matter in advance. It reminds that the First National Bank has reinstituted the Christmas Saving Club to take care of the 1951 season, and those who are "jining up" will be in an enviable position next year this time. The only worries they will have will be what Aunt Jenny would like, eliminating the part about "What Aunt Jenny will like THAT I CAN AFFORD."

f-a-t Which is enough about this kind of fear and trembling, as it will increase by the day through the remaining month between now and Christmas. It should be sufficient to remind that only 26 shopping days remain. Time to get the list out and the wrappings

f-a-t

For a great number of Tar Heels and for a sprinkling in other states, fear-and-trembling day of 1950 is Saturday when the Dukes and the North Carolinas meet for something like the 38th time. As has been properly pointed out by any number of sport writers, the result of Saturday's two-hour tussle before 46,000 people who will pay a total of \$161,000 for the privilege of squirming through the proceedings, will not be world-shaking. Neither Duke nor Carolina is going anywhere after the game, to such way stations as Dallas, New Orleans, or Miami, but the outcome is mightily important, to thousands throughout this state. Both the Methodists of the state and the Tar Heel rooters have already been down with a seige of Baptist fever, which, indeed, is a very painful ailment if not a fatal one, and both groups want to win Saturday to salvage the plum.

f-a-t Duke pooters, who have been looking forward to Saturday's game with more-than-usual hopefulness, will understand my feeling of fear and trembling. After all, I have enjoyed a steady four-year diet of Justice and victory, though I admit that last season's 23-21 affair was somewhat hard on the blood pressure. It started rather badly. After a traffic tieup, our party was late on arrival and heard Duke's first touchdown over the radio. which is very bad indeed. An enemy touchdown on the scene seldom is as bad as the radio version. When you see it, you can usually locate an "if" or two which makes the score look freakish. Not so on the radio variety.

Saturday's game should be quite as interesting as the thriller of last year, and I am personally installing Duke in the role of favorite, though I expect to occupy one of the 46,000 seats with the usual amount of hope. t-a-t

Pick-up: Much attention has

been given recently to a new gadget for attachment to radios which is designed to automatically cut out spoken commercials. While this could easily develop into a body blow to radio, it could be worse for the listeners. Just think how bad it would be to hear nothing but singing commercials Bob Hope has been insulted by Life magazine and a gentleman who wrote something entitled the "Seven Deadly Sins of the Air". I thought the article a good one, but Hope says he was insulted to the tune of \$2,010,000. That is quite a lot of insult, but what makes me wonder is how Mr. Hope arrived at the odd figure. Surely he doesn't expect his lawyers to work for a paltry \$10,000 with such a big figure in front of it . Over in Statesville the citizens are complaining about a faulty power system, which reminds that Kings Mountain's system is needing re-vamping and could reach the point in future

poor , . . . up in Boston somebody pulled the wrong switch, or something, and it had a lot of folk thinking an atomic attack was in progress Borrowed wisdom: If in a carefree moment, a man tosses away a dollar, his wife decides that he can afford to

years where service would be

CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon 15

The Domestic Scene

- ACROSS 39—Singing part
 41—Poetical for above
 43—Roman 1002
 44—The taste of spoiled Something for the person 6—Added "zest" to the cookery
- food
 47—Kind of poem
 49—Numeral
 30—Musical furniture
 52—Before
 53—Chemical symbol for with a pressing engage ment 12—To dine 14—Untruthful narration neon
 55—Greek letter
 57—The elder (abbrev.)
 58—Utilizes the popular
 dusting implement
 59—Nature's household
- (two words)
 15—The kind of profit we all like
 16—Something every garden
- 16—Something every gard craves
 18—Unrefined element
 19—To reap
 21—Was prodigal
 22—Elementary Orders (abbrev.)
 24—Siests
 25—Indefinite article
 26—To hold back (in bridge)
 29—To seem
 12—Like
 13—Employing
 15—Chemical symbol for stanum

- 15-Skills
- stone
 4 Dictionary of Nationalities (abbrev.)
 5 Proximity
 6 Kitchen unplements used for slow boiling
 7 The U.S. "corn state" (abbrev.)
 - 43—Bovine talk 45—Over again 46—Immerses 47—To use the scissors

9—Home of the Irishman
10—One who makes a deed
13—Preposition
16—Pronoun
17—Ancient sun god
20—Callus-inducer for the
gardener
22—Lifeblood of the tree
27—Auricle
28—Gentlemanly Unions
(abbrev.)
30—Abbreviation for
Portugal
31—Uninvited guest at
most family picnics
34—Electrified particle
35—Gravy-catchers for the
housewife

housewife
37—Dry, of wine
39—Own (Scottish)
40—A kind of (ur (pl.)

42-A catastrophe of the

"party wireless" conversations

via; radio. They were radio

frequencies crossed, according to

the Associated Press, last Decem-

ber. While not just the home

Sometimes this world seems

almost too different from what

burner has given way to a radi-

ant floor that heats the house.

Aunt Hepzibah's steroscope is

now Nephew Jack's television

So it's assuring to note that

though means change as fast as

ble in human affairs. And that

result is as old fashioned as the

Grandpa Selden's general store.

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small grain varieties for 1951 can

'hams," amateurs, who got their

48—Formerly
51—Exclamation of satis (abbrev.)
8—"Line of work" for the laundering housewife

DOWN

1—Cooking condiment 2—Extent of space 3—A kind of polishing

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

THE BOND SALE (Shelby Daily Star)

As we understand State Treaurer Brandon Hodges, the sale of \$32,500,000 in the North Carolina General Fund bonds at an town but the whole world of rainterest rate of 1.4127 per cent dio hams could hear them they is satisfactory but not quite as talked themselves into it. low an interest rate as had been hoped for. This low bid compared with 1.52 per cent paid by the state on \$75,000,000 worth of sec. it used to be. The parlor base ondary road bonds sold several months ago.

This interest rate looks low to the average man who must pay from 4 per cent up for the money he borrows. And yet the state bonds must have been considered a very attractive offering to the inventors can say "patent appliinvestors who have already gob- ed for," ends remain recognizabled them all up

North Carolina's credit is if a girl and a boy got their newsound. The bond sale attests to fangled frequencies crosses, the that in no uncertain terms. The state is financing its dimly remembered wall phone in

school building and ports projects with some of the lowest cost money in its history. There have been lower interest rates on small issues in the past but the be assured by planting seed patinterest on this bond issue repre. ches now. sents the lowest cost of any major financing.

Whom should we congratuate?

Well a measure of the creus should go to the state administration of recent years, to the tration of recent years, to the been insisted upon by the legislatures. But we think the bulk of the

credit should go to the people of North Carolina. Their character and their resourcefulness stand behind the bonds. There is no better security.

BOY GREETS GIRL

(Christian Science Monitor) It must be that somewhere in

he long history of the party telephone, on which whole communiies could listen in something ike this happened: Two people who had never seen

each other-a boy and a girl, of course-were caught in a conversation via crossed-up numbers, and though the whole town might be overhearing them, pursued their chitchat to the not bit. ter end which matrimony can be.

We say it must have happened, because things can't be so different-not things like that, anyway-even in this age of advanced electronics. And the other day this did happen:

A North Carolina couple were married after some months of

which again reminds that it ain"t "fur" 'til Christmas . . . I trust the Thanksgiving turkey was up to par



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Cherokee Drama To Open Earlier

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The drama is presented in an open-air mountainside theatre seating 4,000.

The cast, which includes sev eral native Cherokees, will be enlarged by 15 persons, and the musical score is being revised FROM SOUP TO DESSERT by Jack Kilpatrick, a Cherokee of Dallas, Texas.

MEMORIAL COINS

MANTEO-Silver half dollars minted in 1937 to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, first child of English parentage born in A merica, increased in value rapid ly. There were 25,000 coins minted, and more than 20,000 were sold then at \$1.65 each. Now the remaining coins are back on sale The new price is \$4.50 each and the coins may be ordered through C. S. Meekins, Treasurer, Roan-oke Island Historical Association Manteo, N. C.

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YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The quota for the Kings Mounceived which calls for only two to members of the Study Club week with relatives in this secmen to be selected for the first and invited guests entertaining tion, call. The two men are to report at her home on East King street | Mrs. E. W. Griffin and children to Fort Bragg on December 5th. Tuesday evening.

be selected are not known at this to members of her bridge club at Kurfees in Mockville. time according to Frank Sum- her home on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. B. A. Murray and two chilmers, chairman of the Local Mrs. D. C. Mauney was hostess dren of Greenwood, S. C., were Board. The Kings Mountain quo- to the Thursday afternoon Book visitors at the home of Mr. and

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Price Patterson of Mrs. B. S. Peeler was hostess Ravenel, S. C., spent the past

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will spend Thanksglving with The names of the two men to Mrs. E. A. Smith was hostess Mrs. Griffin's father, Mr. R. W.

to to be selected June 30th has Club and invited guests last Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg during the

buy her a mink wrap