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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let allthy ways be established. Proverbs 4:26

A Black Situation

Eugene Matthews

As this is written, the news from the Korean War is at its worse, and what course this nation is to follow is a universal question with, seemingly, no plausible answer.

Nobody wants to fight China, and this applies to the United States, as well as. to Europe. The reasons are obvious. First, China has been doing her dirty work at the behest of Russia, and fighting the Chinese would merely mean expending men and material in what might be a hopelessly weakening engagement of long duration. The immediate result would be an invitation for Russia to strike in Europe at a time of her own choosing.

This is the great fear of Britain and the European nations: that Russia will over-run the continent.

Whether the current crisis develops into full-scale war at once, there is no question that the United States is headed for full-scale preparations for war.

The draft will be expanded to wartime propostions, the production of socalled civilian goods will be curtailed to. make available equipment and raw materials for implements of war, and there will be a rush effort to get the armed services in shape to meet any and all comers.

The current situation is another tragedy of history.

The recently-desposed dictators of the world, Hitler and Mussolini, were not alone in their desire for world conquest. Napoleon intended to conquer the world, as did Caesar, and many others before

It is an unfortunate fact that there ilways seems to be at the head of some nation or nations groups of power-hungry men who think they have been born to rule the universe. History, too, has proved the fallacy of such dreams, just as it records the sufferings and tragedies produced by these men of evil.

With the known disregard of Russia and her satellites for their word, the world can know in advance that any negotiations toward peace out of the current crisis will give nothing more than a temporary respite.

Should this temporary respite be provided, the people of the nation should insist on full preparation for what appears to be another all-out struggle for survival.

In the stress of pressing international events, less attention than is customary is being devoted to the forthcoming session of the North Carolina General Assembly. With more and more money to be required by the federal government for armaments, it should increase the desire of units of government on lower levels to make their tax burdens as light as possible, consistent with providing essential services. That brings on the big question as to what is essential. North Carolina is pro-schools, which means that this portion of the budget requests should be dealt with as liberally as possible. But on the question of expanding some of the other state services, most citizens hope the legislators will pare increased requests heavily.

It is time to buy automobile license plates, both city and state, and those who buy them early will avoid the lastminute troubles usually plaguing those who put off until tomorrow what they can do today.

Attend the production of "Life with Mother", to be presented Monday evening by the Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers at the high school auditorium. The production is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and the proceeds will be used to benefit the community.

No Bus Station

Kings Mountain citizens who depend for transportation on the inter-city buses are still out in the cold.

Tentative arrangements for utilizing the Morrison building at the corner of Gold and Cherokee streets fell through when the city board of commissioners declined to grant permanent approval of the proposed location.

Actually, the decision was a very difficult one for the city board to make. for the board has responsibility of representing the citizens in an effort to get the bus operators to provide terminal facilities.

At the same time, the city board was also aware of already-congested traffic on Gold street and it felt that parking and unloading of buses at this particular corner would create an unusually dangerous traffic hazard, both for pedestrians and bus passengers as well as mo-

Had the city board granted perma-nent approval of the proposed location it was felt that the bus companies would make no further effort to provide a station here, and, as as matter of fact, under legal restrictions on city boards which prevents their making contracts running past their respective terms of office, this board's "permanent" approval would not have run past May 1951.

It is a fine point, but it would appear that the temporary approval by the city board was its only solution. It now leaves the way open for the city board, on behalf of the citizens, to initiate whatever legal action might be necessary to obtain an order from the North Carolina Utilities commission to force the companies to provide terminal facilities.

The only real factor in the board's decision was the traffic situation, and the commissioners, along with the operators and other interested parties, might well wish that Gold street were an 80-foot strip, rather than the narrow

The Herald trusts that the board will in no way relax its efforts toward getting the companies to provide a suitable

Christ In Christmas

The Christmas shopping season was officially opened in Kings Mountain last week, and the parade was one of the best

A lot of work went into the presenta-

One of the special features of the parade were floats depicting religious scenes, and certainly such a presentation has a big place, or should have a big place, in these events. As Rev. J. H. Brendall told the Lions members the other night, "It's good to see local people putting Christ back into Christmas."

It is the custom at this season of the year to concentrate on the secular, sometimes to the extent of ignoring the

real reason for celebrating Christmas. Another minister, Rev. W. L. Pressly, in his sermon Sunday, commented on the approaching Christmas season in this manner, "Some will wine and some will dine and others will celebrate the season by various other means, but many will also turn to the House of the

Actually, it appears that the celebration of Christmas this year will be more somber than at any time since 1944. The threat of full scale war hangs heavy, and already many men are fighting for their lives in Korea.

It is a Christmas season that will find more and more seeking the spiritual satisfaction that Christmas brings, as is customary in times of stress and crisis.

Our congratulations to Hunter R. Neisler, who has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the forthcoming year.

YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

sworn in as a member of the members of the Colonel Fredrick Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas, Mr board of County Commissioners Hambright Chapter DAR, at her and Mrs. Fred Presson and son for Cleveland County, in Shelby home Wednesday afternoon.

Social and Personal

8:30 o'clock with Rev. P. D. Pat. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smathers of of Atlanta.

Mrs. Coman Falls was hostess Hartsell, A wedding of interest through. at a bridge dinner entertaining Mrs. W. S. Dilling and Mrs. out this section was solemnized at her apartment last Friday e. Booth Gillespie had as guests for in a quiet ceremony at the First vening. Guests included mem- the Thanksgiving holidays, Mrs.

Glee Bridges, prominent Kings rick reading the marriage ritual. Charlotte were holiday visitors Mountain business man was Mrs. C. E. Neisier entertained in Kings Mountain,

Robert of Monroe were guests of Mrs. Annie Howie and Miss Ollie

Presbyterian Church in Kings bers of her bridge club with Mrs. R. T. Simonton, Miss Buelle Mal-Mountain Sunday merning at Bill Ramseur as guest of honor, colm and Mr. Guck Simonton all

martin's medicine

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

Etiquette

No, the medicinal department is not moving into the realm of Emily Post or the several other ladies who write the rules of right procedure for the dining room, living room or courtin' room. And the impetus for the piece is one which ordinarily would get special delivery dispatch into the nearest postoffice waste basket.

I refer to the reams and reams of stuff mailed to the Herald and almost all other papers of the nation which, though more or less camouflaged as news copy, still comes under the classification of "free advertising". It is a never-ending gripe of newspapers that big companies spend huge sums of money in the public relations departments, sending out the free advertising stuff, yet never deigning to offer to pay a cent for regular advertising layouts. Newspapers, more and more, are throwing away this type of copy and some have even adopted the policy of investing in a rubber stamp which says in effect "We'll be glad to publish the enclosed at regular advertising rates". This they stamp on the material and buy the postage to mail it back from whence it

But this week's offering of "Fashion Preview" got past the postoffice waste basket and turned out to be quite interesting, even though it is a free plug for the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. In the December issue, the publicity reports, Anne Kent, who helped Emily Post decree the right spoon to use at the right time for 15 years, has gone out on her own to list 10 most important changes in etiquette, and some of Miss Kent's findings and comments are quite interesting.

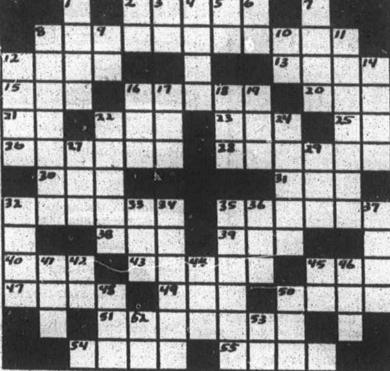
Number 2 on the list concerns "Trousers on Women". Though the publicity blurb gives it only a paragraph, this subject alone could easily consume a page, most men will agree. They will also regret to learn that Miss Kent says that it's o.k., in some instances, for women to wear the pants, in actuality as well as in theory. The stamp of approval goes on women's wearing slacks at resorts, for sports, or lounging ign not for city wear, where, I suppose, women are supposed to look feminine and demure, even if they gren't. Miss Kent adds the cogent notation, "Some women are mistaken to wear them ever." Now just what could she

Miss Kent says the proper young miss of 18 plus, will, like Cinderella, beware the stroke of midnight, and, if accidentally caught out at such a non-correct hour, will immediately instruct her swain to head the bus for home. Authority Kent, however, makes sure to take care of the ladyfolks' constant hunger. Even at midnight, she says, it's all right to stop off for a late snack en route.

Other interesting changes now accepted are the typewritten personal letter and the right of women to reach for a cigarette, smell it, and smoke it about anywhere they choose. I would say that Number I is fine, but that nicotine business ain't too good. Miss Kent says replies to formal invitations and letters of sympathy should still get personal handwriting. but otherwise she bows to the machine age as represented by the typewriter. I'm mighty glad to hear about this change of the rules, for I've been helping it to come about for years and for a very practical reason. Several years ago I wrote a series of letters home without the benefits of my trusty portable. The principal direct result was a letter from my father, who usually left letter-writing to the lady of the home. Dad's note was brief and to the point. In the future, he suggested that I use the typewriter, pointing out that no decoders were available.

Other changes are relaxations of old rules, including the new official permission to call friends of similar age and disposition by their first names rather than the formal "Miss". 'Mister" or "Missus", and the elimination of the ram-rod straightness formerly required of correct ladies. Miss Kent also bows to the continued influx of entertainment competition, admitting that the former practice of calling on new neighbors has fallen into disuse, though she nostalgically offers the hope that "people's instinctive kindness will eventually bring back the courtesy call." She also says it's now o. k. for a divorced couple to be civil to each other, when they accidentally meet.

CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon



Music For You

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- musical instrument 49—Unrefined mineral 50—Unemployed 51—Cue to the opening music in radio
 12—Large bundle
 13—Disturb

- 13—Disturb
 15—Sentenne connective
 16—Causes a half-step
 musical letdown
 20—Unit
 21—Thoroughfare
 (abbrev.)
 12—Beverage
 23—Adjective suffix
 25—Graphic Symphony
 (abbrev)
 26—The kind of music for
 the church
 28—Popular type of piano
 30—National brew of
 England
 31—Ancient Roman god
 32—A string instrumentalist
 35—Newest
 38—Scottish "30"
 39—Those in power
 40—Vexation
 43—Distinguishes the
 metrical structure of
 verse
- -Personal pronoun
 - 12—Musical part
 14—Rhythmic musical silence
 16—A charge for service
- 2—Chemical symbol for samarium
 3—Pronoun
 4—Musical melody
 5—Royal Chorus
 (abbrev.)
 6—Greek letter
 7—Musical part
 8—Choral composition
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- 22—Musical percussion instruments
 24—Sings rhythmically
 27—Combining form denoting "likeness of"
 29—Scottish "none"
 32—To salute
 33—Shortened easement
 34—Popular method of preserving musical interpretations
 35—Pertaining to parts of interpretations
 35—Pertaining to parts of
 a musical staff
 36—A reply (abbrev.)
 37—To harmonize
 41—Grain
 42—Comparative suffix
 44—Skill

7—Boy 8—Poetical "\", is" 19—To deprive of strength 22—Musical percussion

- 45-Chemical symbol for High in pitch, in music
- (abbrev.)
- 50-Girl's name 52-Prefix signifying "not"

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

Buy Xmas Seals (Transylvania Times)

Throughout our nation this made to buy Christmas seals. Letters containing the new

mailed out locally to approximately 1,000 people by the Transylvania Tuberculosis association and liberal contributions are being requested.

at home.

While all are excitedly Claus, let's not forget the plight trol it, and dollars to tolerate it. of the suffering humanity. Quickly, we can think of several good reasons who each and every citizen should aid in the cam- put a TB seal. You will be aiding paign to help pay for the battle in a great cause! against tuberculosis in Transylvania county.

During the past year, the money raised in the 1949 drive was used to follow up all necessary cases from mass X-ray as well as to pay for tuberculin testing. of hundreds of students in Tran-

pect much public courtesy, she adds, such as a gentleman offering a lady his seat in the bus or removing his hat in the elevator. Women have gained independence, she says, only by paying for it out of the currency of male chivalry. She further says that many women wonder if woman's independence was worth the price.

I am very interested in the women-wearing-the-pants discussion and suppose I'll have to invest in a copy of Cosmopolitan.

sylvania county schools. Late in the fall another mass

X-ray clinic was held in Trantime of year an urgent appeal is through the sale of Christmas seals, and hundreds of local peo-1950 Christmas Seals have been being. All suspects discovered in the clinic will be followed up with the money that you spend for TB seals.

Figures show that there has been a 75 percent reduction in The mailing out of the Christ- the death rate since the organimas Seals is the only way by zation of the National Tubercuwhich the local association raises losis association in 1904. Since funds to fight tuberculosis and its inauguration and introduction all money raised will be kept of a nation-wide campaign to right here to fight tuberculosis conquer and control the spread of this dreaded disease, the association has widely ing for the annual visit of Santa slogan: "It cost pennies to con-

Mail in your contribution to day to fight tuberculosis, and on every Christmas card, every gift

Just Be Patient, Girls (Gastonia Gazette)

The value of a Harvard education is scheduled to take a big jump. Edward R. Reynolds, vice president of the university, says Harvard may not be able to afford maid service for dormitories next year if wage scales continue to go up. This would compel students to make their own beds. If the inflationary spiral isn't checked, it's logical to expect that the university will project this policy into other fields. Once Harvard man has been taught to make his own bed it's a short step to teach him to vacuum the rugs and sweep the corridors. The result inevitably will be rush of girls to marry Harva. men, a new breed of intellectuals not only ornamental to the drawing room but gosh-darned handy at helping with housework.

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