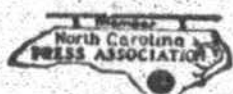


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. I Corinthians 10:21.

The Hoover Speech

First reaction of many citizens to the December 21st speech of former President Herbert Hoover was to remark, "We lived for four years under Hoover, and it wasn't very pleasant."

It wasn't. Though, in years since, even ardent Democrats politicians have admitted privately that Mr. Hoover was heavily sand-bagged by an enemy Congress during the last two years of his administration, the fact remains that Mr. Hoover lacked imagination to cope with the economic problems then be-setting the nation.

His recent speech indicates that Mr. Hoover still lacks imagination. His isolationist - type speech ignored the technical improvements in planes and rockets which have materially shortened the miles of ocean which once gave the Western Hemisphere an impregnable moat of defense. One might even grant that this nation is still impregnable. Yet Mr. Hoover's suggested policy would not be acceptable on a long-term basis. It assumes that no further progress will be made in the several means of communication and arms.

Most unacceptable of Mr. Hoover's recommendations is his suggestion that we leave Europe to Europe. It ignores one lesson Russia teaches by its regular policy. Any man on the street knows that Russia is responsible for the Korean business, yet it is not Russian troops which are doing the fighting. Mr. Hoover indirectly suggests that we renounce what friends we have in Europe. It will be reminded that the renouncing of friendship with Chiang Kai-Shek's China government, inept and crooked as it is, is one of the biggest thorns in the flesh of Defense Secretary Acheson. Our European friends don't do everything we wish, nor will they, but they're still friends.

Yes, four years under Mr. Hoover is enough.

Chairman Ollie Harris, of the Kings Mountain civil defense organization, has wasted no time in setting up the committee heads of this group which would be invaluable in time of disaster. Though speeding on his work, Mr. Harris himself is deploring the evident hysteria of some who feel the end of the world is just around the corner. His workmanlike approach to the job at hand is the proper one.

Within a six-month period, Kings Mountain area citizens will be asked to contribute 325 pints of blood for the military and civilian needs via the Red Cross blood bank program. In view of the past record of Kings Mountain area citizens in supporting this program, it would appear that the blood quota will be met, if not exceeded.

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce has already made a concrete contribution to the long-term project of the city parks and recreation commission by setting aside \$1,000 for this fund. The Jaycees expect to add to that total as the months pass.

The nation has vast confidence in the abilities of General Eisenhower and this confidence is shared by the nations of Europe. However, he must be given the means to do the job at hand. A paper army has never been able to fight a war.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mrs. E. W. Griffin, State Chairman of the Safety Division of the Federated Women Clubs will make a radio address from station WSOC, Charlotte, Friday, December 27th, from 3:15 to 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Griffin's topic will be: "The Art of Real Driving."

Social and Personal
The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gantt on North Piedmont Avenue was the scene of a lovely Christmas party on Friday evening when the members of the Senior Group of the Youth Division of Central Methodist Church entertained the Senior Group from the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Donald Blanton was hostess.

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

tess to a small group of friends making up three tables of bridge on Friday evening.

Mrs. Carl Davidson was hostess at a lovely party on Saturday evening, when she entertained at her home in the Mauney Apartments, complimentary to Miss Willie Ellerbe of Abemarle and Kings Mountain, whose marriage to Mr. Paul Fry will be an important event of this week.

Mrs. Carl Mauney entertained the Home Arts Club and a few invited guests Tuesday evening. The yuletide decorations were effectively used, the lighted Christmas tree predominating. Poinsettias and nardina berries were used

in the living room.

One of the social highlights of the holiday season will be the annual Stag Club Dance, Friday night in the Woman's Club building. Dancing will begin at 9:30 and the music will be by Morrow's orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ruth and boys will spend Christmas with Mr. Ruth's parents in Salisbury. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kiser of Charlotte, are guests of relatives in Kings Mountain for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ware, and son, Moffett, Jr., and Miss Jean Ware will spend Christmas in Charlotte.

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By Martin Harmon

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

New Year Coming

It won't be long now. Old Father Time, his white beard flowing, is sharpening and polishing his scythe and in the short space of a few hours he'll swing it with a mighty swish. The year 1951 will be gone and a little diaper-clad 1951 will be on the throne.

n-y-c

It is hard to guess what the historians of future years, say 2050 or 2150, will think of 1950. Certainly a great deal has transpired in this mid-century year. Records of the doings of the world may make the historians' job easier, for communications are better than they've ever been. Yet thinking back, history does not give too much attention to the year 1950. Perhaps 1950, in spite of the Korean War, the Chinese Communists and Harry Truman won't come in for too much attention.

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The New Year starts this time on Sunday night or Monday morning (depending on your preference), which means that in this section of the world 1951 will be greeted in as much of a holiday - celebration manner as some of the previous New Years. It will still be Sunday to a lot of people, which will call for quiet welcoming of the new model.

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But the fact of Sunday won't cancel the customary New Year's Day customs of resolution-making and dining on hog jowl and blackeyed peas, that is, if housewives have correctly anticipated their New Year's Day menu. Blackeyed peas for dinner on New Year's Day is supposedly a harbinger of good luck and, this year, should be served in quantity to General MacArthur, Secretary Acheson, and several other gentlemen on whose decisions the fate of the nation will depend.

n-y-c

Resolution - making is a good custom, too, even though most folk have trouble remembering them 20 minutes after they make 'em. I've picked up several of the semi-public variety during the past few days.

n-y-c

Just about everybody in the community is renewing an old one: To do Christmas shopping early. I am among this group, as usual. How to bring about this happy situation I have not yet learned. Perhaps the purchase of a special-type alarm clock would do the trick, with one alarm to ring October 1, and another to follow up on November 1. The few early-bird Christmas shoppers I know tell me it isn't early shopping if you don't start by November 15. Alas, I seldom get started by December 15.

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The Lions club is going to make a resolution, if comments I've heard among the members have anything to do with it, to have a bigger, if not better, Christmas party for the city's needy children next Christmas season. The 100-odd kiddies had a big time (though at least one developed a tummy-ache after his third hot dog), but the members of the club enjoyed it equally as much as the youngsters, if not more so. It really opened the eyes of many to the situation existing in the community, and it is the medicinal guess that most will want to up their contributions to the Red Cross when fund raising time comes again. There's nothing that tugs at a man's heart as much as gladness or sadness in a child's face.

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Another resolution I expect to be made will be on the part of city officials. They will resolve to collect the garbage from the city's houses as close to Christmas day as possible. There was a slip-up on the collection last week, and the housewives were in a shoot-from-the-hip mood.

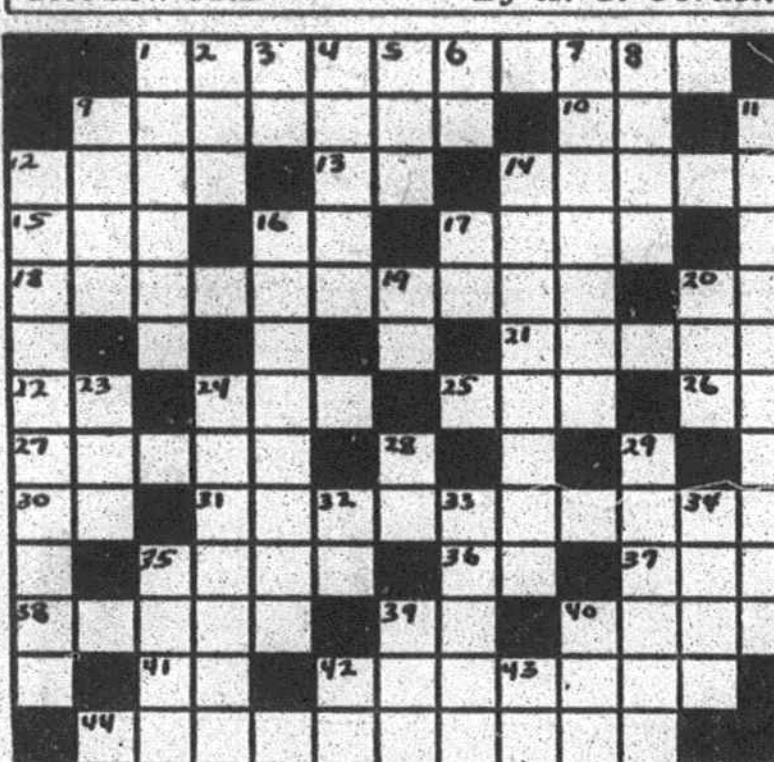
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The Kings Mountain Garden Club will have a resolution concerning next season's pilgrimage. It is to allow no fruit cake wine within reaching distance of punch ingredients. One lady reached for a bottle of what she thought was ginger ale, only to discover, too late, that the bottle contained some rich home-made wine. It so happened that a contingent of ministers was on the pilgrimage tour at the moment, and coincidentally or not, the punch bowl did its most rushing business of the day.

n-y-c

Happy New Year!

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1—Finally
 - 2—Every one individually
 - 3—Strategem
 - 4—Eastern state
 - 5—Anger
 - 6—States
 - 7—Units
 - 8—Perseverance from gratifying one's own desires
 - 9—Type of electric current
 - 10—Call of a horse
 - 11—Part of verb "to be"
 - 12—High explosive
 - 13—To free
 - 14—States
 - 15—Omnipotent Operators
 - 16—A mass of metal
 - 17—Lord (abbrev.)
 - 18—Very soft, in music
- General Interest**
- 19—Soothing
 - 20—Doctor of Science (abbrev.)
 - 21—Toothed wheel
 - 22—Thin, hard and brittle
 - 23—Presiding Elder (abbrev.)
 - 24—Nautical cry of greeting
 - 25—Adjective suffix
 - 26—Kitchen implement for browning bread
 - 27—To manage
 - 28—Certain
 - 29—Science treating of the mind
 - 30—Quantity of being able to laugh
 - 31—Name applied to a corn-farmed liar (poss.)
 - 32—To name
 - 33—Old Italian (abbrev.)
 - 34—Negative
 - 35—Time past
 - 36—Terminate
 - 37—A name of a place
 - 38—Inside
 - 39—Having greater wealth
 - 40—Towards
 - 41—Mental images
 - 42—A native of Morocco
 - 43—To prune (Scott.)
 - 44—Hawaiian food
 - 45—Consumed
 - 46—Chemical symbol for thoron
 - 47—Thoroughfare (abbrev.)
- DOWN**
- 1—Artist's implement
 - 2—To contend
 - 3—Elevated street railway
 - 4—Pertaining to ancient Scandinavia
 - 5—Prefix denoting three
 - 6—Personal pronoun
 - 7—Smoothed
 - 8—Prevaricates

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

GAMBLING REVENUE

(Waynesville Mountaineer)

The easy, and plentiful money which the Currituck county treasury expected to derive from the dog race track within their borders seems to have failed to materialize.

The county was hard up for funds, and through a special act of the last legislature, established a dog race track, with the hopes of getting the extra needed funds.

The gamblers moved in, and now the county seems to find it impossible to collect what they claim is their part of the race track fee.

It is a sad day when a town or county has to resort to the dregs of gambling for funds on which to operate. Currituck has learned the hard way. This should be sufficient lesson for all other counties to beware of lush promises of gamblers.

The Durham Sun, in an editorial "Chislers All" pointed out, in somewhat the same line of thought that:

Currituck County is not happy about its dog racing racket. The county isn't getting its "cut." Failure of the Currituck Racing Commission to turn over to the county the share of the gravel the county is supposed to have from the Cavalier Kennel Club track has prevented the county hiring a much needed teacher for Moyock High School and delayed planned improvements for the county courthouse.

Strangely enough, it appears that the Kennel Club or the Racing Commission made the money but just doesn't choose to pay the county. By that, North Carolinians are quite at liberty to conclude perhaps, that the Kennel Club or the Racing Commission or somebody sitting blandly on the sidelines is stronger politically than the County Commission and, therefore, is in a position to prefer to see that long green taken from the "suckers" goes into favored pockets.

What is taking place in Currituck is what was to be expected. When the gambling racketeers step in, they do not take orders from local politicians. They give the orders; generally after buying up the key politicians. That could be what happened in Currituck. It has happened all along the Florida East Coast. The gamblers run Chicago, in the opinion of some of us backwoods folk, and very likely Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia and a good many other places.

THIS MAY HELP

(Nashville Tennessean)

The Tennessee State Medical Association has decided to establish a scholarship loan fund for rural youngsters who will agree to return to rural areas to practice after completing their medical education.

The association's decision is the first good news to medically isolated areas of the state since the well-equipped hospitals and laboratories became major tools of the medical profession. The practical value of the proposed incentive to rural practice offered by the medical association will, of course, depend in the final analysis on the size of the loan fund and how liberal are the terms for loans to be made out of it.

The association, which is the official body of the medical profession in Tennessee, deserves credit for declining at last to face realistically one of the most critical problems of organized medicine. The final collapse of rural medical service in Tennessee ap-

parently waits only for the death of the surviving "country doctors" who now can be found only in half of the rural counties of the state. This dependable and self-sacrificing segment of the profession was schooled to expect a financial reward for its efforts far below that anticipated by the typical medical school graduate of recent years.

When one of these old time rural practitioners dies in a rural Tennessee county today, it means the end of a medical service, unless the community bands together to work out a plan of financial inducements to attract a new doctor. Even then the replacement is hard to find.

There is a possibility that the scholarship plan proposed by the state medical association may, over a period of years, contribute materially to a solution of the problem of rural medical service.

The thousands of Tennesseans who still live many miles from the big hospitals and clinics certainly will add their hopes to those of the medical leaders who are sponsoring the plan.

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Henderson Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for William Alexander Henderson, 78, of 707 Gold street who died Thursday morning, December 21, at the home of a son, W. D. Henderson, in Gastonia, were held last Saturday at 2 p. m. at First Baptist church.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. H. Whitlock, of Gastonia. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A native of Transylvania County, he had been a resident of Kings Mountain for 29 years and was a carpenter by trade. He was on a visit in Gastonia when death came suddenly.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Mattie Davis; six sons, W. D. and Charles Henderson, of Gastonia, Guy and Homer Henderson, of Kings Mountain, Carl Lee Henderson, of the U. S.

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