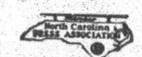
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. Ecclesiastes 7:5.

Pay-As-We-Go

How far the Congress will go with a "pay-as-we-go" tax program remains to be seen. Taxes will definitely be increased and one Senator, Anderson of New Mexico, has even had the nerve to advance the idea of a federal sales tax.

Congress will probably not go as far as the Administration asks, perhaps not as far as it should, for the Congressmen have to face the electorate periodically and they'd rather hear themselves decried for deficit financing and putting the nation in danger of bankruptcy than for taking too heavy a bite from the voter's pocketbook.

Where shall the taxes come from?

President Truman indicated in advance of his Monday budget speech that the government will have to bite more heavily into the incomes of middle and lower income groups, on the logical assumption that this is where the bulk of the money is, even if more widely distri-

How low into low income groups will Congress go? The load is already heavy. The personal exemption of \$600 will do no more than buy a man's food for a year, and the present withholding tax scale on a single man making \$50 per week is \$6.80, plus the social security contribution, which leaves him only \$42,45 with which to buy food, shelter and clothing and make the payments on the television set.

This, again, is the basic argument against the general sales tax. It hits the man heaviest who can least afford to pay it, though many more than Senator Anderson feel that the sales tax is the best means of doing the twin job of bringing in the money and of siphoning off excessive buying power.

Regardless of the methods of extraction decided on by Congress, it would seem that something must be done, and qquickly, about prices. Price controls have been in order since July 1, but have not been enacted. Though there have been some wage raises, price increases are fast out-stripping them.

The low-income wage earner is in the squeeze, and Congress should see that price controls are instituted before they bite the little man too heavily again. Congress gave him a fairly heavy lick in the October 1 tax increase.

Up The Ladder

On the basis of 1950 receipts, the Kings Mountain postoffice will return to first-class status on July 1, a status it enjoyed briefly a few years back.

From the standpoint of service, the new status means virtually nothing to patrons, postoffice officials report.

However, the step up the ladder is interesting from its reflection of business activity in the area served.

The opinion of Postmaster Blakely that the current increase is "solid," and not merely a temporary boom, is also indicative of commercial and industrial growth in Kings Mountain during the

Our hope is that Kings Mountain's postal receipts will continue up the ladder to even higher figures.

From the rate at which trains have been passing through Kings Mountain, it would appear that the slow-down ordinance passed by the city board of commissioners last week is quite in or-

Economy Block

In Raleigh, it is generally conceded that the state's economy-minded members of the 1951 General Assembly are in control, and that, while the budget for the upcoming two years will probably set a record, it will not cause any tax increases of great degree.

Most people will be in agreement with this projected policy, even some who ordinarily belong to the spend-more group, due to the heavy calls for taxes from the federal treasury.

The fiscal picture of North Carolina is sound, but budget and tax officials have warned against too rosy an outlook for the next two years. Should consumer goods become less plentiful, as is likely, there will be less money via the sales tax. And that is the big revenue producer in the state. In periods of boom times, the state treasury enjoys a boom. In periods of recession or depression, the state treasury finds its receipts much lower.

Indications by economy bloc leaders are that they will examine very carefully all budget requests and that some pruning will be done. In most instances, we suspect, the pruning will not greatly curtail the really vital services of the

Give Liberally

It is easy to say, "Give," when urging contributions to the annual March of Dimes campaign.

This area has been blessed for the past two years by having a fairly low incidence of polio cases, but the nation as a whole has had no respite from regular epidemics of this dread disease.

While, since the last heavy epidemic year of 1948, North Carolina has not had an epidemic, other states have, and the national total of infantile paralysis cases has continued to mount each year.

This has meant such a heavy drain on finances of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis that its funds are not only exhausted, but show a deficit. Few can fail to remember 1948.

This is one financial campaign which Kings Mountain, Number 4 Township and Cleveland County will do well to over-subsmribe.

In spite of the considerable hullabaloo. it is hard for the Herald to get steamed up over the new efforts to get a motor vehicle inspection law. Perhaps it is the bad taste left by the last one. Fact remains that the principal cause of the mounting total of auto accidnets is driver error, rather than mechanical failure. None will object, however, if the new law, when passed, has provisions for easy administration.

Not only members of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, but many others of the community regretted to learn of the resignation of Franklin Pethel as the St. Matthew's minister of music. Mr. Pethel did a good job during the 19 months he was associated with the church, and, in addition, was very active in other community affairs. Like many other young men, he is entering the armed services.

Tax listing time is fast running out. A call to the tax lister's office now will save time, and failure to make the visit by January 31 will result in needless

YEARS AGO

Items of news taken from the 1941 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

day at 1 p. m. voted to close the ening. school from today; Jan. 16, until Tuesday morning, Jan. 21, as a precautionary measure to pre- Bridge club entertaining at her vent the spread of flu which has been sweeping the country from west to east.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The American Legion Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. T. G. Hudgepeth hostess on Tuesday afternoon.

Members of the Stag Club of at their home on Gold street. Kings Mountain entertained their Mr. and Mrs. George Herndon week

The Kings Mountain school lady friends at a spaghetti sup- of Asheville were visitors in board in a call meeting yester per at Pine Knot on Monady ev- Kings Mountain Monday.

Mrs. E. A. Smith, Jr., was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon home on Piedmont avenue.

Miss Elizabeth Neill was hostess to members of the Youth Council of Central Methodist church at her home on Saturday

Mrs. Fred Plonk and baby son with Mrs. Blanche Poplin joint have returned from Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, and are now

Revs. P. D. Patrick, H. G. Fisher, R. N. Baird are expected to return this evening from High Point where they attended the North Carolina Council of Chur-

Mr. O. W. Myers is recuperating from an attack of flu. Mr. Humes Houston is ill with

influenza Mr. Jacob Cooper is recuperating from an attack of flu. Mrs. C. A. Hagar and baby of Hickory were guests of Mrs. Hagar's mother, Mrs. R. S. Plonk last

martin's medicine

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

Into The Service

This is a more or less serious

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Appearing regularly in every newspaper and other news periodical, over the radio, and through other mediums is news concerning the need for men in the armed forces and of heavy enlistments and draft quo-

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It was only ten years ago that draft call lists were appearing in newspapers, and here it is again, causing unrest among the youth of the land, and worry, strain anxiety among parents other interested kin.

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With the prospects of military service just around the comer, it is natural that young men now 18 or just turning the age corner to draft eligibility demonstrate restlessness. They are faced with certain decisions, and, no matter the choice, they can't be sure whether they're going the right way on

At Chapel Hill, college students are leaving school to join the services by droves, the Alumni Review reporting that 800 have already resigned from college classes. And the same thing is happening all over the state, at small schools and large, and all over the nation. Many are enlisting in some branch of the service, with the air force seeming to be more popular than any, at least in this area. Word of a possible freeze of air force enlistments is out, which seems to act as a catalyst on the young men encouraging them to seek these assignments more diligently.

Much of it comes, of course, from a natural disinclination on the part of the youngsters to avoid duty in the infantry, the service of Spartan-living which customarily collects an "out-moded" tag between each war, but which always proves pre-requisite to any complete victory. Yet there are some men no further away than the house around the block or geross the street who have been through the infantry mill in plenty of combat who, if they return to duty, would want nothing else.

Which proves, if nothing else, that it's a good thing tastes

The enlistment business is a pretty good proposition, though, for it's only human nature for a man who has made a choice to work harder to prove that his choice was right.

Personally, I would not hanker too much for the gir force department. The brief flying I have done didn't completely sell me on the bird business. and I don't know that I'd want to be handling 500-pound bombs during an enemy visit. I would prefer another term in Unclo Sam's navy, where one only has to worry about torpedoes, mines, air raids, enemy shore batteries, and, in bad weather, possibility of collision at sea. But it's all a matter of taste

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The above bravedo is not to be termed a request for active duty, of course.

Seriously, again, it all boils down to one elemental fact: It's never very pleasant to get shot

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On the brighter side, it is a happy fact that few troops, sailors, or marines get regular sustained duty on the firing lines, An old navy chief, who had fought through two wars. described duty in the service as "long periods of boredom, punctured by moments of intense excitement." I found that to be quite true, and most of my veteran friends agree.

It is a fact that wartime service in the armed forces on the part of young men is customarily a greater strain on their parents, their wives and interested kin them on the men themselves. And there are many benefits. There's nothing like service descipline to teach a man in the way he should go, and, like every other new experience a person experience. perience a person experiences, the service give much valuable instruction. It remoins most regrettable that men cannot live in peace and devote their full energies to peace, but the ill wind also blows some good.

CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon

ACROSS 1-World's largest island 9-Well-known Mediter-ranean island 10-The Buckeye State

(poss.) 12—Empty 13—Roman 56 13—Roman 56
15—A vessel
17—Likely
18—Pruits
20—Royal Northwest
(abbrev.)
21—Compass direction
22—A sailor
23—Consume

weapon 56—Canadian city (poss.) Consume
Spanish affirmative
Pierces
Native of ancient 30—A witch (collog.) 31—Lubricant

32—Waterways 34—Spittle 37—Chemical symbol for silver 38—Compass direction 39—Assimilated form of

40-College degree 41-Through 43—Ire 47—A citrus drink 48-Man's name 50-Noun suffix

DOWN 1-Sandlike particles 2—A color 3—Latin conjunction -Pishers of lampreys 5-France's largest river (poss.)

52—Country once known as Iberia 54—One time military

51-A scheme

Around the World

7-A pen point 8-Entrance -Large Scandanavia

11—Island on which
Columbus landed
(two words)
12—Weathercock
14—Southern state
(abbrev.)
16—Twofold
18—Equal
19—To declare
22—State of the Union
24—A kind of fishing
27—Numeral
29—Roman numeral
32—A land promontory
extending into water
33—Meadow
35—Atmosphere
36—To aid
42—A stout cord
44—Italian first name for
men

45—Chemical symbol for germanium 46—Previously (arthaic) 47—Exclamation of sorrow

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

STARK TRAGEDY (Stanly News & Press)

dio and relevision sets, refrigerators, stoves, furniture and thous- duce the farm labor. ands of other items that make for better living. But it appears now portant during time of war than cilities will be converted to the munition with which to kill hunan beings.

Is it possible to imagine anyhing more tragic?

fective war, and this means that they are not enjoying the good things of life as we know them here in this country.

If we had a choice between supplying those Communist countries with 50 billion dollars worth of peacetime goods in 1951, without any cost to them, think how much better the world would be at the end of this year. And we could afford to do it.

The tragedy of the whole sit uation lies in the fact that a comparatively few men and women, less than 5 million in Russia, control the lives and destinies of the citizens of that nation. In China, about 6,000,000 belong to the Communist party, but the leaders say that this number is too large, so they have set about in a purge that will reduce the ranks to about 3,000,000.

We need to attack, not the whole nations of China and Russia, but the ruling groups, and it must be done in a subtle but sure manner. We are too idealistic in this country about the way to get at these comparatively small groups, and this idealism will result in Dark Ages that may last for more than a 100 years unless we use our resources to attack them in their weak

FARMERS' TASK ((Bladen Journal)

As has been the case in the past when this nation was called upon to mobolize for military preparedness and defense, the farmers of the country will again play a leading part in the effort. There will be need for in-



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creased production of food and feed crops to meet theemergency, and this necessity must be The automobile manufacturers met with fewer people working this country built more than on the farms - with less man-8,000,000 motor vehicles last year, power. Many of the young men and other manufacturers turned are being called from the farms out tremendous quantities of ra- into the armed service of the nation, and that naturally will re-

And yet, nothing is more imthat practically all of these fa- plenty of farm products. One fortunate thing is that much of manufacture of weapons and am- the farm work formerly done by man and beast is now done by farm machinery. That is, more acres can be worked by fewer men under the present set-up, Arms are no more necessary in Weare not mad at the Russians, preparedness for war or in wag-Chinese or other Communists na. ing war than food, and for that tions of the earth which seem reason the farmers of America bent on conquering the whole have a task to meet. They have world. They are regimenting their met it in past emergencies, and people so that they can wage ef-

> Several Franklin County broiler producers started broods of baby chicks during the Christmas holidays. By starting their chicks early, the producers hope to have ther birds ready for market during the period of expected peak prices in March.

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February 2 is Ground Hog Day-and all "trigger happy" North Carolinians should know that one of North Carolina's favorite characters in history, Daniel Boone, was born February 11, 1735.

February 26-March 2-Pinehurst Seniors Golf Championships.

Yes, there is plenty of work and play for all, in North Carolina next month-it's early planting time for a host of garden vegetables, to say nothing of cotton, corn, oats, onions, turnips, potatoes.

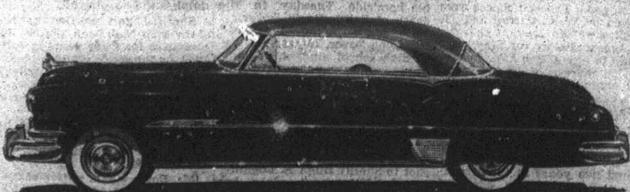
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