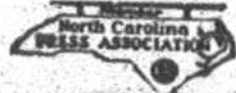


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

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 decry 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 distributed.

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 quickly, 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 outstripping 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 past year.

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 order.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

The Kings Mountain school board in a call meeting yesterday at 1 p. m. voted to close the school from today, Jan. 16, until Tuesday morning, Jan. 21, as a precautionary measure to prevent 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 with Mrs. Blanche Poplin joint hostess on Tuesday afternoon.

Members of the Stag Club of Kings Mountain entertained their

lady friends at a spaghetti supper at Pine Knot on Monday evening.

Mrs. E. A. Smith, Jr., was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club entertaining at her home on Piedmont avenue.

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

Mrs. Fred Plonk and baby son have returned from Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, and are now at their home on Gold street.
Mr. and Mrs. George Herndon

of Asheville were visitors in Kings Mountain Monday.

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 Churches.

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 week.

martin's medicine

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

Into The Service

This is a more or less serious piece.
1-t-s
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 quotas.

1-t-s
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 and anxiety among parents and other interested kin.

1-t-s
With the prospects of military service just around the corner, 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 or not.

1-t-s
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.

1-t-s
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 across the street who have been through the infantry mill in plenty of combat who, if they return to duty, would want nothing else.

1-t-s
Which proves, if nothing else, that it's a good thing tastes vary.

1-t-s
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.

1-t-s
Personally, I would not hanker too much for the air 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 handle a 500-pound bomb during an enemy visit. I would prefer another term in Uncle 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 . . .

1-t-s
The above bravado is not to be termed a request for active duty, of course.

1-t-s
Seriously, again, it all boils down to one elemental fact: It's never very pleasant to get shot at.

1-t-s
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, punctuated by moments of intense excitement." I found that to be quite true, and most of my veteran friends agree.

1-t-s
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 than on the men themselves. And there are many benefits. There's nothing like service discipline to teach a man in the way he should go, and, like every other new experience, the service gives the individual the instruction. It remains 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

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ACROSS

1—World's largest island
9—Well-known Mediterranean island
10—The Buckeye State (abbr.)
13—Roman god
14—A vessel
17—Likely
18—Fruit
20—Royal Northwest (abbr.)
21—Compass direction
22—A sailor
23—Consume
25—Spanish affirmative
26—Pierces
28—Native of ancient "little country"
30—A witch (colloq.)
31—Lubricant
32—Chemical symbol for silver
34—Compass direction
35—Assimilated form of "in"

AROUND THE WORLD

40—College degree
41—Through
42—Ice
47—A citrus drink
48—Man's name
49—Noun suffix
51—A scheme
52—Country once known as Iberia
54—One time military weapon
56—Canadian city (poss.)

DOWN

11—Island on which Columbus landed (two words)
12—Whiskeycock
14—Southern state (abbr.)
16—Twofold
18—Equal
19—To declare
22—State of the Union
24—A kind of fishing
27—Numerical
29—Roman numeral
33—A land promontory extending into water
35—Meadow
37—Atmosphere
38—To aid
39—A stout cord
44—Italian first name for men
45—Chemical symbol for germanium
46—Previously (archaic)
47—Exclamation of sorrow
49—Sorrowful
51—Writing implement
53—"I am" contracted
55—Italian river

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Other Editor's Viewpoints

STARK TRAGEDY

(Stanly News & Press)

The automobile manufacturers of this country built more than 8,000,000 motor vehicles last year, and other manufacturers turned out tremendous quantities of radio and television sets, refrigerators, stoves, furniture and thousands of other items that make for better living. But it appears now that practically all of these facilities will be converted to the manufacture of weapons and ammunition with which to kill human beings.

Is it possible to imagine anything more tragic?
We are not mad at the Russians, Chinese or other Communist nations of the earth which seem bent on conquering the whole world. They are regimenting their people so that they can wage effective 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 situation 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 spots.

FARMERS' TASK

(Bladen Journal)

As has been the case in the past when this nation was called upon to mobilize 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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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.
These are just a few of the happenings that go on to make North Carolina a grand place to live—and, for refreshing relaxation any time, most of us can enjoy a temperate glass of beer—sold under our ABC system of legal control that is working so well.

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