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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure; making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7.

Support The Band

Now underway in Kings Mountain is another annual fund drive, one that has always been successful in the past and should be this year too.

We refer to the effort to raise \$2,400 to support the Kings Mountain high school band, being conducted this year by the Kings Mountain Lions club as a public service project and with Tolly Shuford as chairman.

This is one of those fund drives people. can afford to get especially excited about, for the practical reason, that all the funds are used as a strictly local investment, with no foreign overhead of any kind.

Another factor in the band's favor is the willingness of its leadership to help in any way it can to add color and zest to any kind of community occasion. Director Joe Hedden remarked recently, "That's what we're for." This attitude is quite correct and proper but it is not always evident among some school groups who define cooperation as "doing it my way."

Proof of value of annual investment has also been provided by the band by the recent high rating it. has won in competition with other schools.

The \$2,400 should be obtained and ex-

A Yugoslav medical scientist, working in Chicago, has recently reported interesting research findings on cancer. He thinks he may have discovered a drug that may be successful in treating the dread disease. His claims have not been widely tested by other physicians and his drug may be proved as worthless as others previously thought helpful. The point is that research continues on cancer in direct proportion to the funds available. Dr. Durovic's findings may be valuable. If not, someday, sometime, the answer will be found. Citizens can help shorten the time by supporting the current fund campaign of the American Cancer Society.

The city election law will stand some minor cleaning at the next term of the General Assembly too, if the primary system proposed on a state-wide basis, is not adopted. It is the Herald's feeling that the filing deadline should be a minimum of 15 days before the election, rather than five, and that the voting time on election day should coincide with state election laws. City voting stops at 6 p. m., while county voting stops at 6:30.

Register on Saturday for the forthcoming city election. Persons in doubt as to whether they are now on the books should check with the respective registrars. It happens every year that several citizens arrive at the polls prepared to vote, only to find they are not register-They mistakenly felt that because they were registered for the previous county election they were also registered for the city election.

A hearty welcome to Jack White, of Laurinburg, new model lawyer, who is joining the office of J. Roan Davis. Mr. White comes to Kings Mountain highly recommended and in addition has a Cleveland County connection through his wife who came from Fallston.

Have your waste paper ready Sunday afternoon. The Jaycees have scheduled a paper collection and have already built up a nice little fund from the salvage of paper which they have earmarked for re-investment in the community.

A Wise Action

The city board of commissioners acted with sagacity and perspicacity last Wednesday on the matter of cleaning up the city election law to provide for a run-off election.

As this is written, House Bill 1112 has already been passed by the state House of Representatives, and it should be ratified into law before the legislators come home to stay.

It truly would have proved embarrassing had Kings Mountain had six claimants for three city commissionerships and two for mayor, as could have happened even with the present group of candidates now in the field. Such a situation would have made Georgia, with its experience of two governors, and Madison county with two sheriffs, look like pikers.

Action by the city board was that desired by a majority of the citizens of the city, if indications obtained by the Herald are any criterion. In addition, the fact that the clamor for action virtually ceased immediately following the city board motion for a run-off arrangement is further evidence that most citizens want their representatives to get a majority of the votes.

The Herald does not believe in plurality election, though it has many practical advantages. Plurality election is cheaper, both to governing bodies holding the election and to candidates, but it is hardly democratic. The recent examples of victory by Kerr Scott, Willis Smith and Haywood Allen illustrate the point. Had plurality methods been in vogue, neither of the three would have made it. For the voter, such a situation will balance up over a long period. About as many favorites would win as lose. But it would never balance up for the individual candidates, who would never know whether they could have won.

Politically speaking, the city administration handled a "hot potato" issue with finesse and a fair-mindedness sometimes not exhibited by governing bodies in similar situations. Of the present administration, four men of the six seek election again. It is conceivable that the practical political advantage would have been to leave the situation "as was," under the plea of lack of time for passage by the General Assembly, or. to return to the plurality method.

Our commendations to the incumbents for their action and their willingness to secrifice a possible short term personal benefit in the interest of a long-term democratic principle.

Insurance Rates

The Herald agrees wholeheartedly with the efforts of the city board to retain Class VI rating with the Southeastern Bureau of Fire Insurance underwri-

Vast amounts of money are spent each year by Kings Mountain business firms, home owners and others for fire insurance, and if the city, by spending a little extra to meet minimum requirements for paid firemen, can save its citizens \$7,000 annually, the added expense to the city would be quite justifiable, not to mention the concurrent improvement in efficiency of the fire department

Our sympathies to the family of Robert G. McDaniel, who succumbed recently following a heart attack. Many people visited his bier and attended his funeral, which is a tacit reflection of the spirit of good will he exhibited to others and, naturally, received in return.

YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

With only 20 days left to file home on Lackey street Saturday for the coming Town Election, honoring her son, Boyce Hinson. Miss Viola White and Miss Pearl only one man threw his hat in Miss Octavia Crawford whose the ring during the past week. marriage to Mr. Harold Coggins last weekend and attended the The new candidate this week is will be solemnized at the First maneuvers and parade. W. O. "Ows" Styers, who filed Baptist church tonight, was comlast Thursday for the Town Council from Ward 4.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Crook.

Mrs. V. L. Hinson entertained and bridge party at their home on West Mountain street Friday on Tuesday evening at their prise birthday dinner at her evening.

plimented by her two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Wilson Crawford and

the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Ramseur Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Crook. were hosts at a buffet supper

Reynolds visited Camp Jackson

Mrs. Humes Houston, nee Miss Eva Mae Suber, was the inspira-Council from Ward 4.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Harold Crawford who entertained with a large bridge and rook party at the Woman's Club ton, entertained in her honor at her home in Pageland Friday events. ening.

home on City street.

martin's medicine

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

Identification

"The act of making on prov-ing to be the same" is Dr. Web-ster's definition of today's topic for medicinal discussion. That act frequently proves an interesting one in many situations, and, indeed, is much more broad a subject than many would suspect.

Almost everyone has had experience with the identification problem, occuring most frequently in relation to check-writing and check-cashing. Merchants, bankers, and other business men are somewhat leery of taking checks from people not known, regardless of the evidences of high moral character indicated by manner, dress and look out of the eye.

Those who aren't properly leery have had occasion to regret it. About once a year a check-flasher works Kings Mountain and the city's business men are usually good for a fairly nice sum. The best rule on the check business, they tell me, is not to cash 'em unless the person is known. Of course, it follows that it won't do sometimes to cash 'em when the person is known.

But identification problems are hardly limited to the world of commerce. The armed forces do a very big business in the identification field. In wartime, or period of strained international relations, it is imperative that identification signals of all kinds are available, known to all friends, and secret to all enemies. To aid the secrecy matter, they are changed constantly. The complicacations grow and grow in joint opeations with other nations. The problem starts with the simple password in the field. and goes on up the ladder to call signals for ships, identification means for airplanes, etc. The importance of this field can be easily seen from the many tragic death-dealing mistakes made in World War II. All remember instances of plones bombing their own ships, or ground forces throwing ackack at friendly planes.

esting discussion of "Off-Base English" at the Kiwanis club ladies night party last week. mentioned the identification business in the recent war as it concerned foiling the Japanese. He said, I believe, that Japanese have a difficult time with the consonant "I". Thus, vocal identification signals of the Far East army always had plenty of "I's" in them, An American soldier returning from patrol could handle 'em perfectly, but the enemy soldier would garble the words badly. A garble meant a target, pron-

Everyone, of course, is familiar with the identification cards in use at war plants, but these cards are also in great use at other places. During my college days, Carolina never superimposed a picture on these cards. Thus, some students who didn't care for football (small minority, of course,) could command big prices at sell-out games on their stu-dent passbooks, which they got at cut rates. The practice was discouraged and it was difficult for an older man to get by with a passbook, though younger ones could sail on through. But. adoption of the picture policy virtually put an end to the practice.

The piece de resistance, in fact the inspiration, for this column, is an interesting idencolumn is an interesting iden-tification story told by Johnny McGill. A lady irom a neigh-boring South Carellaa city was on a buying trip at the Neisler Mills clothroom, had inadver-tently left her wallet at home, and, with her new drapes all picked out, ran into the cloth-room rule of "no checks." Con-sternation reigned and caused sternation reigned and caused a hurried trip uptown to try to cash a check. Johnny heard the conversation and, knowing a banker, in the lady's town sughim would enable his firm to cash the check. She called her husband, then and her his him cash the check. She called her husband, then and had him to get Johnny's banker friend to place a call. The banker told Johnny something like, this:
"Mrs. Blank can write a check of hes own choosing and it will be cleared. Of course. I don't know whether this lady who claims to be Mrs. Blank is actually Mrs. Blank. But Mrs. Blank has a mole on her right leg, about six inches above the knee... I would suggest you use this means of Identification."

Jo any could hear her hus-band laughing at the other end of an extension phone and de-

CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon

Generalities 47—A country
49—Popular liliaceous
plant of southwestern
U. S. (pla. ACROSS 1-Hypnotism
9-Preposition
11-Separation of anything into constituent parts
13-Ancient
16-To store fodder 54-An amount of twirling Pertaining to equality 18-A small quantity 21-Man's nickname 21 — Man's nickname
22 — Cases
25 — Personal pronoun
26 — Army officer (abbrev)
28 — Exclamation of
surprise or joy
29 — To make neat DOWN 2-Made a living in scanty fashion

19—To make neat
previously
31—Poetical for "always"
33—Public conveyance
(tabbrev)
35—Pronoun
36—Dined
37—Specimens
40—Pronoun
42—Printer's measure
43—A sound asking for
silence

silence 44-To turn over 46-Behold!

denoting 'pertaining 7—Ta combine
8—Manuscripts (abbrev)
9—A Moslem
10—In an undistinguished or obscure manner 15-Flat container

certain popular bev-erage (two words) 30—Chemical symbol for radium
32—A quantity of paper
(abbrev)
34—A corded fabric
38—Per cept (abbrev)
39—Southern South
America (abbrev)
41—Gull-like seabird
45—Likeness 3-Parental nickname -Ancient sun god 45-Likeness 48-Prefix denoting 6- Adjective suffix

17—Rudimental 19—Impostors 20—Chart

23-Prefix denoting three

50-Command Post (abbrev) Roman 102 Satisfaction Not Part of verb "to be" natical term

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

WHAT IS NORMAL? (Stanly News & Press)

through some very trying times, way as to enjoy long periods of and when an analysis is made the fruit crop and damaged and

Back in 1907, there was a panic, which was followed by a World War that began in 1914 and ended in 1918. Then in 1921, there came a brief panic, or depression, with the boom coming in the late '20's. The bubble burst in 1929, and it was 1936 before the country got started back towards what might be regarded as normal.

before war broke out in Europe, and we set frantically to work to prepare for our inevitable part in the conflict. It was 1945 before we stopped, and when we did stop, our whole military strength, the greatest in the world at that time, collapsed. And all of us know the story since then, with conflict beginning again in the summer of

Undoubtedly we must regard this period of a half century as "normal times." War, depression, prosperity - a cycle that leaves one in doubt as to whether we can direct our economy in such a ter that follows spring. way as to enjoy long pediods of peace and prosperity.

How much better the world would be today if we could devise some way to take all the money that is expended for war, and use it for peaceful purpo

We could make the world blossom like a rose for all people if we tried as hard as we do to prepare for conflict.

RETURN VISIT PLAYS HAVOC (Bladen Journal)

It is the winter that makes return engagement after the arrival of spring which plays havoc with fruit and vegetable crops, and not the winter weath er of the prescribed winter season. That frequently happens, crary husband of mine too."

Johnny said he didn't have the heart to enforce the test. The lady got her drapes.





and we don't know of anything that can be done about it. The winter of 1949-50 was unusually A person who was born about warm, as you will remember, and he turn of the century has lived then in April of last year there of the first 50 years of this century, one wonders what can be considered "normal times."

delayed the spring crops in general. The following from The Christian Science Monitor on this subject makes interesting read-

Winter has not necessarliy ended just because spring has begun. This is a discovery every inhabitant of the north temperate zone has to make for himself -at least once a year. The poet

If winter comes, can spring be ten . . . but any reader can reyise the line adequately on a March day when the flurry threatens to become a blizzard and prospects of another complete winter ahead buffet the anxious imagination. One swallow doesn't make a summer, but, still, one winter out to make a winter.

Now is the winter of our dis-

Yes, Shakespear had a line for every occasion - and though this one was not penned specifically for our purpose it will do as well as another to celebrate the win-

North Carolina's huge cigar-ette industry boosts its U. S. Internal Revenue collections to ov-Collections for 1950 totalled \$1,-131,615,783.

Certain vegetables and fruits are needed in the diet every day, say nutrition specialists at State College.

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