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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. II Corinthians 8: 9.

New Administration

In spite of the fact that two offices are yet to be filled by the voters, Kings Mountain's city government has a new administration, and it will be all new after next Tuesday when the run-off races are completed.

Many people have been inclined to view with alarm over the considerable upheaval that gives Kings Mountain a completely inexperienced board. Obviously, these people are in the minority for the new commissioners would not have won had it been otherwise. Also, it can be added that there are many viewers-with-alarm in many other cities of the state, where considerable upheavals against incumbent boards were recorded on the same day that Kings Mountain voters were lowering the boom on incumbents.

Certainly some of the discontent as expressed at the polls, both in Kings Mountain and elsewhere, can be credited to the international stresses and strains arising from the Korean War. People are worried, and they are unhappy, and in the true American tradition, they expressed their discontent at the polls.

In turn, the general discontent tied in with local situations. Here, as sometimes happens, the incumbent defenders found the going rougher than the challengers who had no responsibility for any local condition and who could point to the errors of omission and commission which always exist.

The Herald's position as regards city government, and particularly Kings Mountain city government, is that the new board will be successful in direct proportion to the money available in city coffers for supplying city services. A piece of sewer pipe, for instance, isn't very glamorous, but it will be a constantly recurring word at City Hall, as it has been for at least a dozen years.

We congratulate the new administration on its election and wish it well in a difficult job.

Thrift

In a story in the Herald last week, L. E. Abbott, cashier of the First National Bank, urged a return to an old and basic policy, based on the axiom "a penny saved is a penny made".

Today it would appear that such counsel is not as popular as it should be, yet countless examples appear where, by the simple process of saving, men and women become property owners and home-owners.

A person who has never had a savings policy of any kind cannot appreciate such advice. But those who have are definitely aware of the benefits of regular savings, even in small amounts. The small amounts keep mounting, and total frequently to a sum which completely have won had it been otherwise. Also surprise the saver.

Kings Mountain financial institutions offer good savings plans, which all would do well to use.

In addition, other smart citizens are continuing a good habit they started back in 1941, by purchasing regularly, either via payroll deductions or personally, the familiar Series "E" government bonds.

Actually, it matters little how one saves, just so that he does. There come always rainy days when a backlog becomes imperative.

Congratulations are also in order to Richard (Dick) Foster, who has been elected president of his class at Newberry College.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

The Kings Mountain High School baseball team is definitely on its way to be crowned champions of the Western Conference for the first time since 1935.

The Kings Mountain School Band returned home Sunday morning by Southern Railway from Richmond, Va., where they were awarded the high ratings of one for competitive drilling, one for sight reading and two for concert playing.

Joe H. Thomson is Kings Mountain's new mayor. He was unanimously voted mayor after being nominated by Councilman Clyde

Benett, and seconded by Councilman Charles S. Williams.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL Mrs. Joe Neisler was hostess to her bridge club and additional guests at her home on the York Road Tuesday afternoon.

Harvey Blye Hamrick entertained 40 of his young friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Hamrick, on last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. George Houser delightfully entertained a number of her friends at a dessert bridge party on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ertle Powers were

guests of Mr. Powers parents in Lumberton during the weekend.

Messrs. Hilton Ruth and H. E. Lynch motored to Grover Tuesday night where Mr. Lynch made a talk to the Grover P.T.A. Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Herndon and baby of Kannapolis visited relatives in Kings Mountain during the weekend.

Charles Neisler, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler is a patient in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis last Friday.

Martin's medicine

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

Politics Again

The heading of this piece almost flowed out "Politics Still," meaning the same thing in any ordinary situation, but hardly cricket in the current warfare. Sure as the world Allen supporters would have interpreted it "Politics is Still," as one would say in merry old France.

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This column, of course, has been written as far as source material is concerned, since Wednesday morning May 9, are maybe even the previous Tuesday night for it took no particular strain on the memory box to recall that the medicinal frenzy into the political prognosticating department was no more successful than Mr. Roper's, Dr. Gallup's, Kaitenborn's and others.

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What I have not been able to figure out is why none noted Dave Saunders' choices and all noted mine. Dave did a little better than I did, though not too much better, yet. At any rate, I am in his debt for a five cent drink and I am looking for him diligently, as I do not want Dave to be assessing interest charges, of which he is very capable.

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Dave, the record shows, scored three for six, and still has the opportunity to finally come out with five for six, if George Allen comes through for mayor and if Lloyd Davis comes through for Ward 2 commissioner.

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But a review of the medicinal picks didn't turn out as bad as I first thought for I want a little rather than Dave's a few instances to choose some place and show finishes in several of the three-way affairs. My on-the-nose picks resulted in two of six winners, which, if the odds were enough would be quite adequate for horse and dog racing, but hardly for politics. It also figures out to be a 33 average, which would be fine for Ted Williams and any other baseball player, but is plumb lousy for politics. But the place and show choices pulled me up to a slightly better average.

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Like the late, if not lamented Literary Digest, I'm out of business in the pickin' department, wiser if not richer, and with many lessons learned. It is much like a defeat for a candidate. The defeated candidate, if he's smart, always learns more than the winner. But needless to say, no candidate wants to go to school.

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History has already been made in Kings Mountain, politically speaking, on at least three counts. In the first place, the total vote was a record. Other-wise, it is the first time the city has had a runoff election, and it is the first time, as many as two officials not elected have served for more than the regular two-year term. Mac Gantt did it briefly, probably two minutes worth, in 1947. He had not offered for reelection and no candidate to succeed him had obtained a majority. After the other candidates were sworn in, Mr. Gantt tendered his resignation from the board, and the new board appointed the front-runner of the four-man race, John Henry Moss, as the successor.

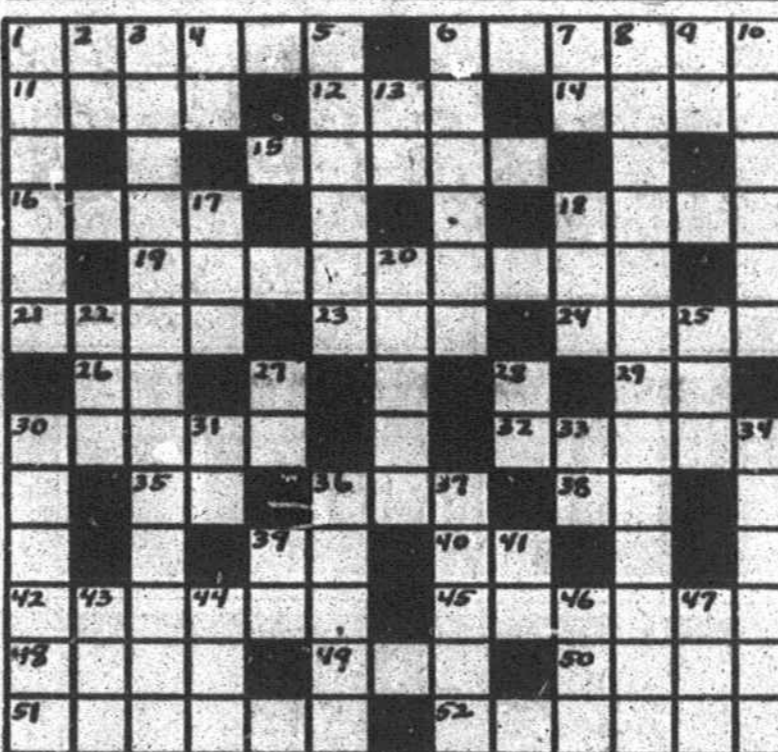
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The retiring (ohem, retired) board of commissioners made a wise move when it set up the run-off arrangement the May 8 election has proved. The kettle would have been boiling over had the old provisions been in vogue, particularly in the mayoral department as to how to replace a mayor under the present law. If it was not for the legal eagles had figured out that the new board would or gonize, choose a mayor pro tempore, who would then succeed to the office of mayor, assuming the incumbent mayor wanted to resign. In turn, the board would have appointed a commissioner successor to the mayor pro tempore who became mayor. All of which is a lot of complication and a lot of appointing. It is conceivable that the courts would have been clogged with suits to determine the points of law for the duration of the two-year term. If someone that the city election law could still stand some cleaning up.

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Top billing for Tuesday must necessarily go to the run-off in the mayor's race. There is only one other contest left to be decided. The mayoral runoff figures to be close, but don't put that down as a prediction!

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS 1-A growing part of one's yard 6-Rids the laundry of suds 11-A right one has to control someone else's property 12-Unit 14-Woman's name 15-Dwelling 16-Something that enhances a pleasant taste 18-A kind of oven 19-Decorative home (abbrev.) 21-A kind of shoe covering 23-Direct signal 24-A backyard edifice for the garden tools 26-Chemical symbol for erbium 29-Division of the Bible (abbrev.) 20-Accompanying dish for the 'meat' 32-Destructive household pests 35-Pronoun 36-Greek letter 38-Exclamation of silence 39-Ancient sun god 40-Bone 42-The ones remaining 43-Take small bites 48-At no time (poetical) 49-Prez denoting three numbers 51-Serene 52-Drawing instrument 8-A spare-time pursuit for photography fans (two words) 9-Printer's measure 10-Repaired the footwear 13-Greek letter 17-To make a kind of knotted lace 18-Abbreviated oyster 22-Product of the garden 25-A suffix of ordinal numbers 27-Newspaper announcement 28-Estat 30-Dinner table implements 31-Toward 32-Bone 34-Loosey fabric 36-Adhesive substance 37-A kind of architecture 39-Public conveyance (abbrev.) 41-Spanish affirmative (abbrev.) 43-Goffer's mound 44-Period of time 46-Kind of snake 47-A card game

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Other Editor's Viewpoints

LIFE INSURANCE

Lincoln Times

It may come as a surprise to many that American life insurance companies pay out more benefits to living policy-holders, unaffected by death, than they pay to the beneficiaries of deceased policy-holders. The Alexander Hamilton reports: a survey of the situation for 1949, just released by the Institute of Life Insurance, shows that the proportion of benefits paid last year to living policy-holders came to 57 per cent of all policy payments made during the year. In cash, these payments to living policyholder totaled nearly \$2 billion. Death benefits last year were a little under \$1.5 billion, or 43 per cent of all payments.

The "living" benefit payments are made up of policy dividends, representing 17 per cent of total 1949 payments; policy surrender payments, also amounting to 17 per cent; matured endowments, comprising 13 per cent of total payments; annuity payments, rising to 7 per cent; and disability payments, accounting for the remaining 3 per cent.

RACE OF KILLERS

Smithfield Herald

An interesting commentary on the Automobile Age lies in the frightful "race" being run by war and highway traffic to see which of these mighty killers will be the first to claim its millionth American victim.

Like the hare in the race with the tortoise, war took a long lead over highway traffic. Unlike the hare, war hasn't let up in its pace. In fact it has gained a good deal of momentum since the American Revolution. But highway traffic, which didn't get started until after 1900, has lost no time in overcoming its more-than-a-century handicap.

At the present rate of slaughter, the millionth American is scheduled to die on our highways sometime in September or October of this year.

Recent statistics reveal that approximately 966,500 Americans have died in battle, from the Revolutionary War until now, the millionth American warrior will die sometime in August if the Korean War last that long

and doesn't slacken its casualty. The result of the race, then, may be "war by a nose."

But highway traffic rooters, if there are any, may have the satisfaction of knowing that regardless of the outcome of the current race, their "hero" will not be robbed of the distinction of being a far greater cause of death to Americans than war.

Despite the fact that we have engaged in two world wars since the Twentieth Century dawned, war has claimed less than one-half the number of American lives lost on highways since 1900. The statisticians tell us that while 9,800 Americans were being killed in the first nine months of war in Korea, more than 28,000 Americans met death on our highways. Moreover, for every American soldier wounded it is estimated that 25 civilians at home have been injured.

These statistics should not make war seem less brutal. They should arouse the people to take the highway accident problem seriously and demand stronger measures to check carelessness and promote safety on our public roads.

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