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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord; but a man of wicked devices will be condemn. Proverbs 12: 2.

Information Required

The city board of commissioners contracted last week with Olsen Engineering Company, of Raleigh, to conduct a survey of its disposal and water distribution systems, with a view to rebuilding the former and, when needed, to expand the latter.

Later in the week it discussed, at length, a possible contract with an electrical engineer to map the present electrical distribution system with a view to rebuilding it.

On the face of it, the new administration, by contracting with the Raleigh firm, is getting to work on a basic problem and it would be doing the same by obtaining the electrical system mapping and survey.

The sewage system survey will give the city information as to feasibility and practicability of constructing one sewage disposal plant, and/or estimated costs of the construction on rebuilding the present five-unit disposal system. The defective sewage disposal system is not only the Number 1 problem of the current administration. It has plagued every administration since the late thirties.

Recommendations concerning the water distribution system represent a throw-in bonus by the Olsen Company, which, of course, can furnish water plant recommendations for little additional cost to itself, using the data it will gather in compiling the sewage system survey.

Mapping of the electrical system is needed, whether the city remains in the power distribution business, or whether the lines are sold, as has been suggested, but which few feel likely. It is the Herald's understanding that the city engineer to make recommendations to eliminate present service difficulties, which could be done piecemeal by regular crews, or at one fell swoop by electrical contractors.

The mapping would also enable the engineer to determine the physical value of the plant, which would be a most important factor in any person's decision to sell, or to retain, the power plant. Information is essential to efficient operation of any business, any government service, or anything else.

The city administration, in its effort to obtain information is taking the first important step in improving the efficiency of its operation.

The death of Mrs. William Lawrence Mauney at the early age of 34 was indeed a tragedy, though it may be said that the tragedy occurred more than nine months ago when she first became ill. The best of medical advice, treatment and attention were to no avail in relieving her condition and it gradually worsened to the point that the imminence of her death was recognized. Mrs. Mauney was a young woman of personality, vivacity and charm. She was a devoted wife and mother and her early death removes from the community one of its best citizens. Her family has had, and has, the sympathy of the community.

The wet weather has been good for corn and cotton, but it has also been a boon to the boll weevil and other insects which damage crops. Farmers who attend to their dusting will be in better shape come harvest-time, the agricultural experts say.

Our hearty congratulations to Arnold W. Kincaid, newly elected Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of Eastern Star. This is a signal honor and a deserved one. Mr. Kincaid has devoted many hours and much energy to the work of the Order.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Members of the Town Council met Tuesday night with all present. Mayor Joe Thompson presided. The board voted to purchase the property at the corner of Parker and Gaston Street for the Junior playground at a price not to exceed \$3,000 and a committee was appointed to put the deal through.

Bridges left Sunday to attend the Kiwanis International Convention in Atlanta. President W. E. Blakely, B. S. Peeler and Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hoke are also attending the convention.

Social and Personal
The marriage of Miss Dorothy Lillian Patterson to Mr. Richard

Carlton Ethridge, Ensign, Navy Reserve took place in Central Methodist Church Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr. of West Asheville Church, recent pastor of the bride officiated.
The class of 40 invited classes of 36 through 41 to a dance to be held in the Woman's Club June 27th.

martin's medicine

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

Wet Weather Notes

In spite of the seeds of rain falling on Kings Mountain since June 3, when the weather man finally decided to dampen parched fields, lawns and gardens, I find the rain has not increased the fertility of the medicinal field for this particular edition. I'm dry as a bone—about as dry as some of the ex-wholesalers and retailers of the white stuff made out of corn, mash, and some suspect, kerosene and Red Dye-11 eye.

It's funny about the weather, a good conversation piece at any time, but lately it has seemed to vary in heavy doses. First the grass was withering, and cotton was struggling to find enough wetness to grow on. Then the clouds opened up for days in a row, and the grass has taken over in no uncertain terms. And last winter there was an unusually long "cold spell", at least unusual for this part of the country.

But who was the philosopher who claimed the weather never ruined anyone, provided the human had done his part? Maybe he lived before the days of the big outdoor promotions. Baseball doesn't thrive too well on a steady diet of rain, for instance.

I was kidding Ted Weir at the Kiwanis horse show Wednesday night and accused him and his Kiwanis brethren of not praying enough to avoid the rain. Ted countered quite well. I thought, "He said, 'Didn't pray enough I think. We did it just right. All the rain fell before and between the show, not during it.'"

The horse show was quite a good one, even to the layman, and it remains unfortunate that more folk don't go out to see the expensive pieces of horseflesh. It is always better to "hindsight" a promotion than to "foresight" it. I have been wondering if more spectators might not be attracted if the event were run as two night shows on a weekend, than during the middle of the week. The merchants tell me that most folk have spent out by mid-week and are waiting to spend again "til the Friday paycheck arrives. Naturally, the problem of sleeping the exhibitors arises, but the sponsors of the next show might throw in a hotel-building project in advance.

Other horse show notes: None was having a better time at the Kiwanis club show than C. W. Champagne of St. Rites. He is an amateur in the horse business for the fun of it, and regarded his ribbons as "sucker bait" for the forthcoming show season. But he had no objection to being a "sucker", he indicated, remarking, "A man's got to get a little enjoyment out of life." Initial indications are that the show was a financial success and that the Kiwanis club's fund for underprivileged children will be enhanced considerably. All the exhibitors were mighty enthusiastic about the caliber of Kings Mountain cooking, after getting a sample of the Kiwanis picnic for exhibitors held at Byron Keeter's home.

A Sane View

Commenting on the reports of the recent atomic experiments on Eniwetok atoll, the New York Times, customarily credited with taking a sane, moderate view on most national and international problems, noted the increased death-dealing power of the newest bombs, and also commented on the charges of General MacArthur, and others, that America, through a policy of weakness, is inviting disaster.

"It is neither cowardly nor undignified to work for peace by every means we can command—by strength, by firmness in essentials, by willingness to discuss nonessentials. We are not, as some would make us appear, like a boy with a chip on his shoulder. Under the pressure of terrible events we have—or should have—put aside childish things. We would go to war to defend those principles that make life worth living. Surely our policies and our practices have left no doubt about that. But surely it must be evident, too, that we will not go to war, we will not bring ruin down on the world, we will not risk the destruction of civilization merely to satisfy an outworn code of martial chivalry.

"A refusal to make a suicidal choice is not weakness but the height of strength and wisdom. If the tragic necessity nevertheless arises our nation will defend itself the more valiantly because it has hated war and has done everything in its power to avert war."

Only eight days remain to pay city taxes and qualify for the two percent discount.

Borrowed wisdom from William Feather:
"Everybody has problems, but some people keep quiet about them, praise be."
"The sad fact is that the fastest and simplest way to get things done is to pay somebody to do them."
"As I walk along the streets I wonder who or which or what would want to live with that yet somebody does, and those who look at me may have the identical thought."
"Reducing diets, have made us a nation of self-deceivers."
"What I wonder is, whether those who claim to give anonymously give more than those who give publicly."
Does anyone see any signs of a continuous run of sunshine?

CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon

- ACROSS**
- The average housewife's cheer
 - The great helper in the home laundry (two words)
 - To partake of food
 - When necessities
 - Conjunction
 - Woman's wear
 - Definite article
 - Thoughtful
 - Contraction for article of feminine apparel
 - Popular abbreviation for paper signifying
 - Isle of Wight (abbrev.)
 - Kelchack
 - A kind of abrasive polish used about the home
 - Method of attack against household pests
 - Small wood fastener
 - The efficient housewife saves her feet by
 - Fisherman's receptacle
 - Beated
 - Possessive pronoun
- DOWN**
- Terminal of the arm
 - Buffy equivalent to "you"
 - Union of Housewives (abbrev.)
 - Chemical symbol for samarium
 - Comfort
 - Western Civilization (abbrev.)
 - Sudden tear
 - To apply
 - Outlets in every home
 - Conforming to profes-
 - Something every good housewife does to her husband's footwear
 - Abbreviation for a needle
 - Dressing Room Only (abbrev.)
 - Hastened
 - Drink slowly
 - Wordless coin
 - Cheer
 - Brown pigment used in coloring
 - To make a kind of knotted lace
 - Wrath
 - Kitchen utensil
 - Diets of most and vegetables
 - A sheltered nook
 - To regret
 - Cockney for "home"
 - The side of a garment
 - Human limb
 - Space in a home
 - Stout coat
 - Kind of affair a man cannot take his wife to
 - To dress (colloq.)
 - Mineral spring
 - Girl's name
 - The elder (abbrev.)
 - Unusually grievous

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

PUBLIC TRUST

By Pierce Harris in the Atlantic Journal

Taking comfort, I suppose, in the adage, "Misery loves company," I have always found great pleasure in the fact that Woodrow Wilson graduated 37th in his class, and that only five of those above him became famous enough to get their names in "Who's Who."

I've already done that well, although I never did exactly understand what a friend meant when he wrote me saying he'd seen my name in "Who's Who" and what all my friends up his way were wondering was "Why-Why."

In college I never classified as a scholar. There's another classic I've always considered with satisfaction. A father, displeased with his son's report card, said, "Son, you ought to be ashamed of yourself—you at the foot of the white crowd," to which the son said, "It don't make any difference, Dad. They teach the same thing at both ends." You see by the trend of these lines I never got any gold medals for leading my class.

You can't hang around a college for three or four years, though, without picking up something—like the blind pig that gets an acorn now and then.

I was so surprised the other night when something I heard in a college civics class toppled down off the shelf of the years and asked to be considered. Maybe it was because the thing is in simple language and doesn't leave much room for debate that I had held on to it in what "Mutt" of the famous team "Mutt and Jeff," called my "unconscious mind." I would like for you to take a look at this thing I've been lugging around all these years. "A public office is a public trust." That's all—no more—no less—just the simple statement, "A public office is a public trust"—but in the light of current attitudes in many quarters that idea is as obsolete as the dodo and as old-fashioned as a bustle or high-top button shoes.

Stirring around in memory's dim storehouse, I seem to remember that even in other days, this idea was not universally accepted. For example, the Earl of Beaconsfield said, "In politics, nothing is contemptible," and honesty is worthy as our own Grover Cleveland said, "Party would like to take off after that word 'Expediency' and show how graft and greed have used 'expediency' as a wedge to open many a lock—then as an excuse to explain many a stolen treasure, many an ill-gotten gain; but we will stay with our original proposition, 'A public office is a public trust.'"

Let us take up again that remark by the Earl of Beaconsfield. "In politics, nothing is contemptible." I do not accept it. Even in Beaconsfield's time, there must have been decent, honest people who felt contempt for a system of government that lacked moral worth, and surrendered the interest of its citizens for a key to the treasure house. And even the Earl of Beaconsfield did not exclude politicians in his charitable estimate of politics—politicians, maybe, but not politicians. Only recently, I heard a citizen remark of an office holder, "I once had an idea he was honest—dumb, but honest—but now, I think he's crooked; and I have contempt for him."

When people vote a man into office they say in effect, "I be-

CANDIDATE WITHOUT a VOTE

A candidate for sheriff in Monroe County, Indiana, couldn't cast a vote for himself in a recent primary—he was in jail for public intoxication.
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| Washington, D. C. | \$ 8.50 | \$16.05 |
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| Norfolk | \$ 7.35 | \$13.25 |
| Columbia, S. C. | \$ 6.15 | \$ 9.70 |
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