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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it. St. Luke 8:21.

First-Class Again

While some folk may have been inclined to decide, on reading last week's news account of the Kings Mountain postoffice's return to first-class status, that there is no benefit to the patrons, it remains a fact that postal receipts are an excellent barometer of commercial traffic.

The return to first-class status, based on receipts for the calendar year 1950, indicate that the level of business activity in the city has been on the upgrade.

That is why all citizens hope that the Kings Mountain postoffice will continue to get further up the postal rating ladder. There are seven different breakdowns in the first-class category. Thus it will be seen that Kings Mountain's postoffice can still advance in status.

It does seem strange that raising of the class ratings provides little difference in the service, in fact, lessens it at the money-order window, which is now open two hours less each day.

The Herald was hopeful that the return to first-class status would throw added weight to a considerable need at the postoffice for opening of two windows, if not at all times, then at peak periods during the day, which, the Herald guesses, occur from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m., mornings, and from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m., afternoons, not to mention Saturday mornings, all morning.

The jam-ups still continue at the one open postal window, where all regular postal window business, other than money-order, is handled.

It takes long enough to clip a three-cent stamp off the sheet and make the change (most patrons buy them as they need them), but when the handling of insured packages and C. O. D. arises, a lot of people do a lot of heel-cooling.

If the postmaster has not asked for this portion of needed relief from last season's economy order, he should. And in the process he should let the representatives in Congress have a copy of his request. Time is money, and the slow service at the window, which is not creditable to the employees, is costing many citizens much time.

Using The Talent

According to the parable of the talents, the master was quite displeased with the servant who buried his talent and therefore was merely able to return it when accounting time came.

Kings Mountain, as many persons have remarked over a period of many years, has been in the same position as the slothful servant.

The natural asset, in early years the site of a famous Revolutionary battle, and, more recently, of a beautiful National Military Park, has been largely ignored by Kings Mountain, the city which bears its name, and which is inalienably connected with the battle site.

Now it appears that one group in Kings Mountain is going to do something with the talent.

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre expects to produce a historical drama at the amphitheatre this autumn, and our guess is that it will be a successful promotion.

As usual, it's hard to balance up, with one addition outlining the need for another.

Would it be asking too much to request that some noble citizen, or group of citizens, start organizing a hotel corporation again? The bulk of the needed capital should be acquired before the word "site" is mentioned. If Kings Mountain is ever to benefit by its historical natural asset, it will have to provide a place to sleep its visitors.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mrs. George E. Weant, Jr., of Salisbury, civil engineer of Raleigh, has accepted a position with the City, according to City Manager H. L. Burdette. The Kings Mountain quarry began operation this week and a considerable amount of stone has already been crushed. Mrs. Earl Tate entertained at her home honoring Mrs. Clifford

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

Circus, nee Miss Nell Jenkins, bride of last May. Miss Eoline Keeter was hostess at a delightful picnic supper on last Wednesday evening especially for her house guest Miss Margaret Greene room-mate of Miss Keeter at Mars Hill. Mrs. W. E. Blakely entertained members of the Home Arts Club and invited guests at her home on West Mountain street last Wednesday. Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Grace Ledford to Frank Morrow White, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. White of Kings Creek, S. C. James Ratterree and Fred Wright spent the weekend in Boone visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Howard McGill and children of Dallas, Texas are visiting relatives in Kings Mountain.

Martin's medicine

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

Progress, We Hope

The Herald took a big step forward, we all hope, during the past weekend, and at the least, the step was a big one forward production-wise.

On the other hand, it reminds a little bit of the Middle East religious cult which requires that its followers go to the Sacred Shrine by taking three steps forward and two back steps toward. In the Herald's instance, the weekend maneuvers meant a quick back-step or two into the banker's sacred shrine for a pen-dip into one of those 90-day, subject-to-renewal jobs.

But we think it will be worth it, not only from the financial viewpoint but from the health and welfare viewpoint and the twin position of satisfaction to our good friends, the near 9,000 folk who read the Herald 52 times a year.

During the past weekend, the Herald installed a brand new Intertype typesetting machine, which will make the shop much more ambidexterous. From the financial standpoint, it will mean that the Herald can now handle a much bigger volume of our stock-in-trade, news, advertising, and job printing. It will also mean a wider variety of type faces to make the advertising more appealing, and the paper better looking. From the health and welfare standpoint, blood pressures should go down. We have been greatly embarrassed during recent weeks to be late with the paper at varying times, from six to eight hours. Frankly, we were putting out too good a paper. I don't mean that braggingly, and therefore, explain quickly that we were putting out too good a paper in relation to our personnel and production facilities. Sixteen and eighteen hour days do not help the blood pressure, and we have put in our share of them. The new machine will be a blood pressure pop-off valve in another direction, in the form of insurance. With only one typesetting machine, the Herald was at the mercy of the breakdown gremlins. Our elder machine is actually only a coil at four years of age, but all things mechanical occasionally have their troubles, as do people. And our troubles always seemed to hit on the busiest days of the busiest season. The typesetting machine is the key to the shop, and when our one went out of action it meant the whole shop went out of action.

One of the nicest developments of the new machine purchase was the return of our friend Intertype installation man, Louis Galaini, our first new Intertype in early 1947, and he is quite a character. Fact is, I told Louis he should move to Kings Mountain from New Jersey. Just about everybody in Kings Mountain is a character of sorts, and another character would fit in well.

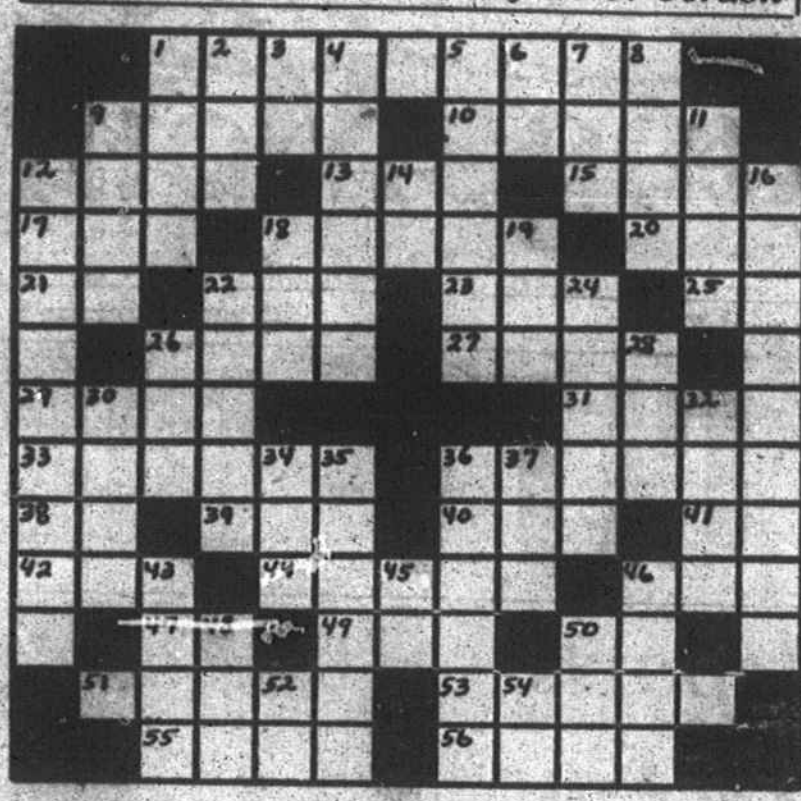
Louis is a real wizard with machinery, even adding a hint or two about running the automatic press. An Assyrian born in Beirut, he didn't argue much with his parents when they immigrated to New York when he was one. He is a Catholic, his wife a Slovak Lutheran, and thereby hangs an interesting tale. When the subject of marriage was settled, they visited Louis' bishop and asked if he would do the hitching job. The bishop wanted to know if the future Mrs. Galaini would become a Catholic. Mr. Galaini's reply was: "Would you become Protestant?" The answer was an indignant "no." The story got around and it wasn't long 'til the bishop's parishioners put the heat on and he married them after all.

Louis spins another interesting true story which I probably shouldn't tell. During his courting days, Louis was plagued by his wife's very strict parents, and on one occasion his mother-in-law-to-be had forbade the daughter to go out for the evening. This, as current era young ladies will know, was tragic. Later, mother complained of a headache, and the solicitous daughter ran to the corner drugstore for some aspirin. But she didn't buy aspirin; she bought sleeping pills. Mama went to sleep and daughter filled her date.

When Louis told me Saturday he was Catholic, I informed him we had no Catholic church, and that the nearest ones were in Shelby and Gastonia. A little quizzing Sabbath afternoon revealed that Louis had observed Mass in the confines of his room at the R. S. Foster home, for which I chided him heartily.

He's quite a family man with five children and three grandchildren, and he doesn't mind admitting he spoils the grand-

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- 1—Scene of the greatest military landing in history (10)
9—Author of 'Robinson Crusoe' (10)
10—Famed Scandinavian explorer (10)
12—Military stronghold (10)
13—Famous American general (10)
15—Famous early Venetian world traveler (10)
17—South American city (10)
18—A dwelling (10)
20—Nickname of an American president who carried a big stick (10)
21—Latin connective (10)
22—Garden vegetable (10)
23—College degree (10)
24—Chemical symbol for dysprosium (10)
26—Bairns once received this name because of the pitch they put on their hair (10)
27—European city long famous for cheese (10)
29—Biblical character who sold his birthright (10)
31—Festive place (10)
33—Name of several Egyptian kings (10)
34—To yield (10)
38—Roman numeral (10)
39—Consumes (10)
40—Ancient Indian Nobility (abbrev.) (10)
41—Chemical symbol for gold (10)
42—C-shaped (10)
44—Name of war fought between two English factions in the 15th century (10)
46—Measure of area (pl.) (10)
47—Like (10)
49—Used to be (10)
50—Exalt (10)
51—Famous Scottish king (10)
53—Ancient Greek fabulist (10)
55—Name of 13 Popes (10)
56—Last name of woman reputed to have fashioned first American flag (10)
9—Old Dutch coin (10)
11—Arctic vehicle (10)
12—Semed king of Prussia (abbrev.) (10)
14—Engineering Omnibus (abbrev.) (10)
16—Character whose travels were related by Homer (10)
18—Combining form denoting 'air' (10)
19—Archaic form of 'old' (10)
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24—Famous English philosopher of the 17th century (10)
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46—Man's name (10)
48—To bring legal action against (10)
50—Basis of burden (10)
52—Prefix meaning 'between' (10)
54—Eligible Officers (abbrev.) (10)

DOWN

- 1—Ancient Roman ruler (10)
2—Many times (poetical) (10)
3—Roman Order (abbrev.) (10)
4—Renowned Australian operatic soprano (10)
5—Stitching device (10)
6—A medical man (abbrev.) (10)
7—To yield (10)
8—Citizen of one of the British Isles (10)
11—Arctic vehicle (10)
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See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Other Editor's Viewpoints

DEMOCRATS HAPPY

Stanley News and Press. Leaders in the top ranks of the National Democratic party have been low in spirits in recent weeks, but during the past ten days there have been reports of more and more delegates to the National Republican convention pledging their support to Senator Robert A. Taft for President. It is no wonder that such news sounds good to them, for it is a generally accepted fact that Mr. Taft will be the easiest man for the Democrats to beat. They feel that they can even do it with Mr. Truman, and certainly there can be no question about General Eisenhower winning on either ticket. Mr. Taft's nomination would leave the Democrats free to take Mr. Truman or the General, with Mr. Truman likely being willing to step down if Eisenhower is available for the Democrats.

The reports indicate that much of the Taft support is coming from Southern Republicans, which reveals that they need to study the situation in a more thorough manner, and that is expressing our opinion mildly.

TIME PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD

Belmont Banner. The action last week of the Congress in extending controls for 30 days but allowing no roll-backs has people guessing and talking. One paper, against the Administration, says, "The administration (meaning President Truman) waited too long to ask for curbs on prices." Another paper sort of Pro-Truman, says,

children horribly when he gets home from his many travels to install new typesetting machines or to provide medication for old ones.

Intertype, incidentally, has sold a few machines during the past four-plus years. Serial numbers show that this Brooklyn corporation has produced exactly 3,900 since our Number 1 arrived in January '47.

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