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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one. Job 5:2.

### Matter of Timing

The House of Representatives and the Senate have been ironing out differences in their respective versions of the new controls bill, at a time when the House, which acted last, was under heavy pressures to throw all of them out.

The whole controls idea has been subject to severe attacks since Congress voted the President authority to establish controls last year, only a few weeks after the Korean War began.

To say that the controls have been unpopular with the big majority of industry and commerce would be an understatement, and the uncertainty over controls is given as one reason for the current curtailment of operations in the textile industry. While a more likely reason for the lack of textile orders is over-buying and heavy inventories, it may be that the price matter is also a factor.

President Truman has appeared a victim of bad-timing in the whole controls picture.

While many urged controls in October, the President stayed silent, not invoking them until United Nations forces were getting the temporary set-back in North Korea in the winter. After the retreat, the battle front became more stable, the United Nations made some gains, and it appeared again that the UN forces (predominantly United States forces), would not be shoved off the peninsula.

With the prospect of a truce in the fighting, and with plenty of civilian goods still available, free enterprising Americans want a free economy. In defense of the President, and his failure to order strict controls last October, it must be mentioned that he had full information concerning military plans and must have expected, as General MacArthur did, that the Inchon operations would annihilate the North Korean Communists and end the fighting. In that event, controls would not have been necessary. The Chinese Communists messed up the works.

Should the Kaesong talks result in a cease-fire, controls will not be at all necessary. Should the Iran trouble spot, the Arab-Jew trouble spot, or the several others explode into an all-out war situation, then controls would be necessary to prevent all-out inflation.

The relaxing of Regulation W controls, as passed by the House, will help the auto, television and appliance dealer, if they are finally enacted. Today, this relaxation is needed, but who can predict for tomorrow with any degree of sureness?

A best bow to C. C. Horn, new chairman, and to L. Arnold Kiser, new vice-chairman, of the Cleveland County hospital board of trustees. Both men are veteran trustees and have rendered good service to the people of the county through their activities in promoting the improvement of Cleveland County hospital facilities.

Many citizens will rejoice over the action of the city board of commissioners in requiring the cutting of weeds from vacant lots, and the group will include many who have been neglecting this duty and who have thereby contributed to the growth of the rat and mosquito population and to the increase of fire hazards. The test, of course, will come in the manner of enforcement by city officials. It's easy to put a law on the books, but sometimes governing bodies forget completely about the enforcement department. The law is succinct and should be enforced.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

The W. P. Fulton building located on the corner of Mountain and Cherokee streets which has been the home of the retail merchandise establishment for many years is soon to undergo extensive remodeling and enlarging according to Sage Fulton. The building is now occupied by Myers Department Store and Dress Shoppe.

Meedames W. K. Mauney, Jr. and George Houser of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Garland Still of Winston-Salem who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mauney, went to Bessemer City Friday night where they served

as judges at a beauty contest sponsored by the Band Boosters' Club of that place.

**Social and Personal**  
Mrs. E. W. Hord was honored at a surprise birthday dinner given by her daughters, Mrs. John Phil Wilson of Cherryville and Mrs. Dewitt Ware of Kings Mountain on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGill were dinner hosts on Tuesday evening, honoring Mrs. William Anthony of Charlotte, house guests at the home of Mr. W. A. Ware.

Mrs. J. D. Hord and Miss Jean Hord returned last week after a visit of several weeks with Mr.

Hord in Henderson, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Fulton and E. C. McClain are attending the furniture market in High Point this week.

Mr. J. B. Dilling and son, John Dilling, of Kannapolis spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Grady King.

Miss Edna Ruth Houser is on an extended visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Pinkie Stokes and Mr. Stokes at Ruffin, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Plonk of Concord were recent guests of relatives in Kings Mountain.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

### July Closeout

If Kings Mountain had an official weatherman, my guess is that the mercury would be running out the top of his thermometer and that he would be busy checking the records to learn whether 1951 had been the hottest summer ever enjoyed by Kings Mountain citizens.

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Even folk who spend a considerable portion of their time at Lake Montona during the summer and boast that the cooling lake environs mean a ten-degree lower average temperature have admitted to suffering with the heat this season. Johnny McGill, blessed most of the time with an air-conditioning system, said a valve got turned the wrong way recently and the two days the system was out of action nearly sent him to bed. At least one Kings Mountain business man is thinking about going into the air-conditioning business. He figures that cooperation of the 1951 variety from the weatherman would result in heavy sales, and I have heard numerous churchmen turning over the need for air-conditioning of churches in their minds and in their conversations.

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It has long been a thesis of this department that churches would do well to start budgeting some funds for air-conditioning, more comfortable pews and cushioned seats. Times have changed since the days when church-goers sat on unbacked benches hewn out of logs and suffered out a three-hour sermon. But churches are still not competitive in the comfort category. There seems little reason to believe that a man couldn't get his soul comforted as well in comfortable appointments as in uncomfortable ones. One man remarked Sunday, "It is the nature of man to be enticed by the sin spots and plenty of them are air-conditioned. The material facilities of the institutions devoted to moral uplift should certainly be on a par."

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In spite of hot weather, the Kings Mountain Little Theatre is moving in high gear towards its ambitious fall production of Bob Osborne's *Then Conquer We Must*. This department has not completed the script, but there is plenty of interesting action in the opening act, and those who have read it say it continues. Bob's work is not a pageant but a drama, more like a Cecil B. DeMille style production. The upcoming production has attracted the considerable interest of surrounding communities and their Little Theatre groups and the area will be well-represented in the cast. Not only has the production already attracted the interest of local folk, but prominent citizens throughout the state have contacted the Little Theatre concerning its plans. It is easy to guess that Kings Mountain National Military Park will set a new record for visitors this autumn.

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Census Note: The preliminary report of the 1950 agriculture census is subject to revision when final checking is done but it shows some interesting figures on the changes wrought in Cleveland county during the past five years. Most impressive is the continued rapid transfer of agriculture from the mule-and-plow age to a mechanized industry. During the past five years, farm trucks have doubled in number, while farm tractors have almost trebled. Still the horse and mule population of the county totaled 2,731 plus 448 colts and ponies. Percentage of farm tenancy had declined from 57.1 percent, to 53.2 percent. Meanwhile the number of farmers, both white and colored, had increased.

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Travel Time: While Kings Mountain folk aim at Independence Day vacations, not all of them get off at the same time, and many wait until late July and August to hunt for cooling beach breezes and crisp mountain air. Others take longer trips and a quartet of Kings Mountain men, Billy Gene Neisler, Tootie Allen, Pride Ratteree, and Gene McCarter, left Monday for a tour to the West Coast. They are traveling in Billy Gene's Lincoln convertible, known in some quarters as "Sex Appeal," and I suggested to Tootie that, considering the characters involved, it might be wise to send the pony express in advance and warn all citizens along the route to batten down their hatches.

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Closing out July isn't too unhappy, not if August will bring a gust of cooling breezes, and perhaps it will.

## CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**  
1—World-famous man who initiated plan for strengthening democratic nations (poss.)  
10—Well-known military strategist (poss.)  
12—Units  
13—American general's trademark  
15—Shortened "reign"  
16—Persecute  
18—Popular beverage  
19—Noah's covinancy  
20—To endow  
22—To "stack up"  
24—Bets at the race track  
27—Fields of physical prowess  
28—Number  
29—Elongated fish  
30—Mammary glands  
33—Approbation  
36—Never  
37—To soak, as fax or hemp  
38—Domestic animal  
41—Alleviate  
43—Floor covering  
45—A kind of fruit used for making spirits  
47—To cut off
- Current Interest**  
48—Lower part of a blast furnace  
49—Process which took place in some of the world's monetary units in 1949  
52—A color prominent in the world's news (pl.)  
53—World-popular name for American soldier
- DOWN**  
1—Countenance  
2—Best of burden  
3—Prefix meaning "again"  
4—Underhanded  
5—His Honor (abbrev.)  
6—The main artery (poss.)  
7—Legal writings (abbrev.)  
8—French article  
9—Unmarried Spanish lady (abbrev.)  
10—"John Bull"  
11—Military greetings  
12—Either  
14—Is or of the matter  
16—Popular name for article of feminine apparel
- 17—Drink slowly  
19—Man's nickname  
21—Nickname popularly applied to an American warship  
22—Scottish items that have drunk  
23—Popular name for an unpopular member of a certain party  
25—Old Portuguese coin  
26—Vehicle of the frozen north  
30—Printer's measure  
31—Fish eggs  
32—Delays  
33—To remunerate in advance  
34—The thing, in law  
35—Preposition  
39—Laden with years  
40—One who advances  
42—Worthless coin  
43—Chess piece  
44—A U. S. maritime organization (abbrev.)  
46—The day before an event  
48—Green receptacle  
50—Public announcement  
51—Chemical symbol for tantalum

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

## Other Editor's Viewpoints

### RURAL HOMES

STANLEY NEWS AND PRESS

Many persons will have little difficulty recalling the days when the barn on the average farm was often a better structure than the home in which the farmer lived. But times have greatly changed and today we find well-planned, attractive, well-kept homes on many farms, with the number increasing by the year.

The women on the farm have demanded that the living quarters be made more comfortable and attractive, and the men have joined with them in making the sort of home that people should have.

Modern conveniences are to be found in most rural homes these days, with the broader distribution of electric power making this possible. There are washing machines, electric refrigerators and freezers, water systems, radio and television sets, and many other conveniences driven by electric power.

These changes have brought a revolution in the rural areas, a revolution that has made things so much better.

We realize that there is perhaps little need in calling these facts to the attention of the public, which is certainly already conscious of the changes that have come. However, there are some rural folks who still need to do something about their homes, and this is designed to remind them that it can and should be done.

### DICE CONVICTION

DALLAS MORNING NEWS

It used to be unthinkable to try a Gambler in Dallas. "Impractical—you can't convict," said some. "You'll always have it," said a few. "Let the boys play—they attract visitors who spend money," said others. And so the law is broken. Even judges in the past granted motions to postpone ad infinitum and were fearful that a reversible error might damage their careers.

Times have changed. "Set them down, I'll try them," said Dist. Judge Robert Hall a few months ago. Dist. Atty. Will Wilson broke the ice. Henry Wade has continued.

The other day a dice shooter got two years. Some may think it ridiculous to consume court time on a dice shooter. Compared to policy and slots and bookie bets, the loss on dice isn't much. Craps is largely an unrefined, back-alley racket, though stag party games attract an upper-crust clientele.

But craps is gambling. Gambling is against the law. The boys in the back room who laughed at

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