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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. St. Luke 6:21.

### The Wright Matter

The Herald presumes that the Wright sewage line installation matter and the feelings of the Mayor regarding dismissal of some of the city's key employees will be on the agenda at Monday night's regular meeting of the city board.

In 1950, one of the owners of the property asked for a sewer line installation on Waterson street, in order that the houses in the Davidson Heights development might be connected with the sewage disposal system, in lieu of dependence on septic tanks. The request was granted. In 1951, the houses had not been tapped in, the septic tanks were overflowing, and the Davidson Heights owners demanded aid from the city. The 1951 demand did not jibe properly with the 1950 statement in which one of the owners said, "That's all we want."

On the other hand, some citizens contend that the owners had a right to ask also for main lines on the three east-west streets on which their houses are located, with the arrangement whereby two lines were installed over rights-of-way behind the property resulting in one less line serving the same purpose.

The Herald suspects that, as usual, there are two sides to the question and is anxious to hear the contentions of the several persons involved.

The Herald would suggest to the Mayor that his propensity for dismissing employees is somewhat disturbing to the average citizen, who does not take head-chopping lightly. The Herald admits that the variance in mathematics between the original figuring of the Wright installation costs and the statement tendered calls for some explaining, which, we trust, will be forthcoming.

Wayne L. Ware, member of the county school board, commended the Herald recently for its editorial urging the curtailment of the split term. He said he was in full agreement. And the Shelby Daily Star has also spoken out strongly against continued use of the split term. The Star notes that Cleveland is one of the few counties still practicing this system. Could 1951-52 be the last school year unblemished by the split terms in the county system? It would be a noble change.

Last week's Herald survey on the city's textile operations, currently running on shorter-than-full schedules, reminded that in slump periods unemployment compensation payments come in mighty handy and that these are the strains the program was designed to alleviate. In periods of prosperity, few industries object to paying the unemployment compensation payroll tax, and, in fact, help their employees to file their claims in short-schedule periods. The program has been well-administered in this state, according to its design and its intent, if not in some others.

While the actions of the Texas housewives, who are refusing to pay social security taxes to Uncle Sam, are not to be recommended, such actions were to be expected when the federal government invaded the domicile for broadening of its social security program. It appeared cheaper all along for the Congress to vote participation in the program to domestic help, without cost to the housewives and maids, and much more pleasant.

It can be truly said that the Piedmont area is quite excited about the forthcoming production of "The Conquer We Must" at Kings Mountain National Military Park. The Herald wonders if the show of interest in the form of the production might not have had some weight in the decision to assign a full-time historian to the Park. At any rate, plans for the production are moving forward swiftly and fall attendance at the Park will surely break all records.

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mrs. L. C. Parsons was hostess to members of the Social Club and invited guests on last Thursday evening at her home on East King street.

Mrs. Myron Rhine entertained members of the Home Arts Club and invited guests on last Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were arranged with colorful flow

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Fireman Palmer Fulton, Floyd Thornburg, and Clarence Smith of the Kings Mountain Fire department are attending the N. C. State Fireman's Convention in Asheville.

Paul Patrick, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Patrick, has completed a special six weeks course

in the Chemical Explosive School at Duke University in Durham and has been appointed Government Inspector under civil service at the Hercules Power Plant at Radford, Va.

Jack Parsons, medical student at New York University, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Parsons.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

### Visiting Papers

Everyone has heard of visiting firemen, and, in a way, other newspapers which find their way into the Herald office, compare to visiting firemen.

Thus the medicinal department is indebted this week to Loy Costner, who used to sell men's wear at Plonk's and hardware at Bridges', for a copy of the MOUND CITY NEWS-INDEPENDENT, where Loy has been working in a store for the past year.

Loy, incidentally, sent more than his new hometown's gazette, also enclosing the customary annual fee for the Herald, with the remark that his subscription doesn't expire until the last of August, but that he didn't want to miss a copy. Loy needn't have worried too much, for the Herald's policy isn't quite as sharp as the one the big dailies follow. With most of the dailies, it is expiration date and out. The Herald tries to follow a more liberal policy, approximating the insurance folks' 30-day grace period.

Loy also had a special request that required some digging in the files. He had misplaced his June 29 issue which noted that Pfc. Ray Cunningham, of Kings Mountain, had been assigned to an Air Force school squadron at Northwest Missouri State college at Maryville, Mo. Maryville is only 34 miles away from Mound City, and Loy means to look him up.

According to the flaghead information the MOUND CITY NEWS-INDEPENDENT is quite an old paper. The issue I received was Vol. 71, No. 45, which indicates that the paper was established or is the successor to one established in 1880, which would make it nine years senior to the Herald. The issue we received is a seven-column, eight-page paper, well-filled with local news, reporting an upcoming horse show, a Nazarene church tent meeting, and the birth of a baby. Loy pays the following tribute to the paper's reporting: "They usually give every item a write-up. If you drive around the block on Sunday they get it in the paper. If you'll notice on the front page of this issue, a lady was stung by a hornet and a boy had cut his foot..."

Our guess is the Mound City paper is pretty well read. People like to know what their neighbors are doing, of their successes and their misfortunes, and the reporting of small, seemingly minor incidents in life are the lifeblood of the weekly press. Just about everybody can get the big stuff, but it's the little stuff that builds readership interest.

Another visiting paper, which has been "visiting" on the medicinal desk for several weeks, was supplied by J. W. Webster, who found it as the "stuffing" behind some old pictures. It is a copy of the BOSTON TRAVELER under date of Christmas Eve 1898.

THE TRAVELER of that date was not very similar to today's BOSTON TRAVELER, but it was a most interesting one. The lead story started off as follows: "Editor Torrey E. Wardner of THE BOSTON TRAVELER spent the night in Dedham jail." Editor Wardner, the story continued, had had the nerve to state an opinion on a case in court, and the judge had clapped him in the jug. The story went on to say that Editor Wardner was going to find out whether the right of freedom of speech could be abridged. I wish we had the following issues to find out for sure, but our guess is that the editor won out. He had been jailed for contempt of court.

People were stealing votes in elections in those days, too, or at least charged with it. One headline related: "Fraud in Prec. 1, Ward 16." There's nothing new about family fights either. Another headline read: "Had His Wife Arrested. Freeman Found Her With George Franklin. Held in So. Boston Court." Other items of interest included a notice by the American Bell Telephone Company that it was paying a dividend of \$3 per share, plus an extra dividend of \$1.50 per share, and a story indicating that Russia was saying "no" then as she has been in recent years. In the 1898 instance, however, Russia was saying "no" to the representative of a group of financiers to a proffered loan to the Russian government.

I never fail to be impressed, when looking over an old paper, with the fact that people never change. Their material well-being does, and their physical facilities, but never the

### CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon

- ACROSS**
- 1—Out of Print (abbrev.)
  - 2—Citizens of one of the British Isles
  - 3—One of the continents (abbrev.)
  - 4—Place known as "The Crossroads of the Pacific"
  - 5—Land of the "midnight sun"
  - 6—To reverse
  - 7—Name often applied to one of Europe's most famous cities
  - 8—First name of famous Persian poet
  - 9—Royal Military Academy (abbrev.)
  - 10—Mild exclamations of rebuke
  - 11—Most rational
  - 12—Crating
  - 13—Ancient Egyptian goddess
  - 14—Mexican monetary unit
  - 15—Exclamations of surprise
  - 16—Equality
  - 17—Famous district of London
  - 18—To obstruct
  - 19—Man's nickname
- DOWN**
- 1—Exclamation of pain
  - 2—Famous man-made waterway
  - 3—"Yes" in Spain
  - 4—Juice of a fruit
  - 5—Well-known Floridian city
  - 6—South Latitude (abbrev.)
  - 7—Type of trap-shooting (pos.)
  - 8—American Anthology (abbrev.)
  - 9—Island group of the North Atlantic
  - 10—The great blood artery (pl.)
  - 11—Pertaining to a Scandinavian country
  - 12—"To incite"
  - 13—Virtuous
  - 14—The modern Hispania (pos.)
  - 15—Chemical symbol for gold
  - 16—European city long known for its cheese (pos.)
  - 17—Thoroughfare (abbrev.)
  - 18—Pertaining to a Scandinavian country
  - 19—"battleground"
  - 20—Norwegian capital (pos.)
  - 21—Parental nickname
  - 22—Land bordering water
  - 23—Shortened name of popular South American city
  - 24—Possessive pronoun
  - 25—Japan's main island
  - 26—At a distance
  - 27—Greek city
  - 28—Central grain
  - 29—To exist
  - 30—Smallest state of the U. S. (abbrev.)
  - 31—South American rubber center
  - 32—To give out
  - 33—Small containers
  - 34—U. S. "Coco State" (abbrev.)
  - 35—Name popularly applied to American soldier
  - 36—Chemical symbol for calcium
  - 37—Man's nickname
  - 38—Chemical symbol for samarium
  - 39—Caddy person (abbrev.)

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

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### LACKING IN LEADERSHIP

STANLEY NEWS AND PRESS

The low point to which Republican leadership in Congress has fallen was revealed last week when an effort was made to oust Secretary of State Dean Acheson from office by cutting off his salary. In most cases, an excellent way to stop a man from a position is to stop his salary, for few people care to work without remuneration. Of course, Mr. Acheson, a wealthy man, is not so concerned about the pay which he receives for being Secretary of State.

The move by the Republicans was defeated by a vote of 171 to 81, with many Republicans voting against the proposal. They said that Acheson should go, but they did not approve of this method of driving him from office.

In the Republican party in the House as well as in the Senate are some very able leaders, but they have not been able to obtain popular support. Therefore, they can wield no influence in places where it is sorely needed.

Here in the South, most Republicans are favorable to Taft, and yet, it has been demonstrated time and again that he is not the sort of leader who can capture the large independent vote in this country. For this reason, support of the Ohio senator by Southern Democrats simply means that they are giving whatever strength they possess to a leadership that is already bankrupt.

Senator Lodge, Senator Saltonstall, and Senator Duff are men who should wield more influence in high Republican circles, and they will when the rank and file of Republicans wake up to the fact that their only hope for a national resurgence, or comeback, lies in such leadership.

#### JURY DUTY A NECESSITY

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Every good citizen should be willing to serve on a jury, and we are satisfied that most of them would, were it not for the fact that the courts are unusually very much unconcerned about other responsibilities which may rest upon a citizen.

For some years, we have been urging a re-organization of the court system which would permit a man to serve on a jury for people themselves. It remains the one real tragedy of life that people can use their brains to master almost everything material, yet not to master the base impulses of the spirit, the emotions and the heart.

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A man who is called for jury duty often finds himself losing many hours and perhaps days. The courts sometimes drag out over several days, and jurors are often not active except for a few hours.

It is our thought that sufficient number of jurors should be called in order to allow a man to serve not over a few hours or a day, except in the case of long trials. Jurors should also be allowed to express their wishes as to the days when they will serve.

As a rule, judges are underworked about as much as any state officials, and with some consideration for the feelings and responsibilities of citizens called for jury service, they can have better qualified juries and more interest in the cause of justice.

A cow owned by Ed Sims of near Waynesville has broken the North Carolina milk production record for Holsteins. The animal's H. L. R. record for 365 days shows production of 21,521 pounds of milk and 679.8 pounds of butterfat.

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