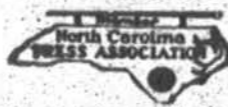


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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect St. Mark 13:22.

### Sell Or Hold

Agriculture officials of the state and nation are advising farmers to store their cotton on the government loan price and to wait a few months before putting their cotton in the open market.

Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, with a strong second from North Carolina's Secretary of Agriculture Ballentine, has suggested this policy with the flat prediction that cotton prices will return to the 40-cent level.

It seems to be logical advice.

With middling cotton currently hovering around 36 cents per pound, the farmer's maximum gamble would be about \$20 per bale, and the government's crop forecast of 17 million bales may not prove out.

Even so, with a ten million bale consumption anticipated the reserves would not be as large as they have been at times in the past.

The economic cycle, formerly a strict supply and demand situation but now also subject to the several hegings and pressures of government controls, still has its peaks and its valleys. Momentarily, one hopes, the nation is in the valley and the reason is the same. Supply outstripped the demand, and there must be a catching up period.

The tone of the textile industry has been somewhat more optimistic recently, as inventories are worked down due to production cuts by shorter operating schedules.

At least one Kings Mountain industrialist thinks it possible that buyers may let their inventories run too low, with the result another scramble for goods.

As it effects cotton and the cotton farmer, with a peg under his product at 32 cents per pound, he risks little in holding his cotton.

### H. Y. Belk

The sudden death of H. Y. Belk will come as a source of regret, not only to the Herald staff, but to the big majority of Herald subscribers.

The staff looked forward to his weekly visits to bring in his weekly column, which enjoyed a wide readership.

Mr. Belk was an interesting character. He was educated, without the benefit of formal education. His writings were not the most literate, but the odd constructions merely seemed to accentuate the pungent wit and biting satire he regularly penned.

Like all people who write for newspapers, he occasionally made subscribers angry enough to cause them to cancel their subscriptions, but he also had a coterie of readers who never missed a word. One out-of-town subscriber, a lady, once had the misfortune of breaking her glasses, and until the new set arrived, she demanded that her husband read to her Mr. Belk's weekly "News of Nebo Valley".

For nine-plus years, he had been a regular contributor to the Herald columns.

We, of the staff, will miss Mr. Belk's column, and we will miss, too, a regular visitor who always exhibited a keen good humor and a keen zest for living.

Establishment of a Memorial Fund for Kings Mountain hospital will give citizens the opportunity to provide either large or small gifts for a worthy purpose. Citizens will be able to aid an at-home institution within limits of their means and desires, either by gift or bequest.

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1941 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.  
Kings Mountain White schools opened yesterday morning with a total enrollment of 1,318 which was 24 less than opening day last year according to Supt. B. N. Barnes.  
**Social and Personal**  
Mrs. M. L. Plonk was hostess to members of the Social Club and invited guests entertaining at her home last Thursday afternoon.  
Members of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club and invited guests enjoyed a meeting with Mrs. Arthur Hay recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis entertained members of the Board of Stewards of Central Methodist Church at their home on East Mountain street Tuesday night.  
Pvt. Horace Walker stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. spent Labor Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker. Pvt. Walker is a member of the Intelligence Division.  
Mr. C. L. Clark is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Carl Mayes.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Lattimore are spending this week at Morehead City.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tolly Shuford whose marriage took place in Durham last week have returned from a wedding trip and are now at home in Kings Mountain.  
Mrs. F. R. Schell of Tampa, Fla. is visiting 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.

### Summer Fadeout

From the heat of the past few days, it would appear that today's title is a misnomer for the season, but a look at the calendar shows that Labor Day has passed, with it the last of the summer months, and that the nip and riotous coloring of Autumn are just around the corner.

Of course, summer continues officially until September 23 (or is it September 21?) when the sun gets even with the Equator on its way to the South and to give summertime to the folk down under. But the tinge of the evenings and the nip of the mornings indicate that King Winter is not anticipating any abdications like the Duke of Windsor pulled. Maybe King Winter hasn't been able to find a Wallis Simpson.

With the end of summer goes the melon crop, which has been a good one this year, from some of the samples I've had, and though I invest more heavily in canteloupes these days, watermelons, I believe, still are the favorites in this particular area. At least, I haven't heard any escapades of the small fry invading and making off with farmers' canteloupes.

The other evening after the Mayor's gripe session, I was lingering for conversation purposes at the front of City Hall and the talk turned to melons. Present and participating were Grier Sipes, Wood Jackson, Toby Williams and Rhea Barber, among others, and the boys were reminiscing about childhood melon seasons in which no melon patches were safe.

There were tales of forays from Weir's pasture near what is now the Country Club and a popular playground some years ago, and Grier Sipes finally remarked that he didn't believe youngsters bothered melon patches like they once did. This brought a quick and strident "no" from Toby Williams, who reported catching a half-dozen youngsters the other day while they were eating the fruits of their raid and of Wray Williams' labors. The Williams melon patch is on the edge of the woods and was encircled by a wire fence. Toby was walking the patch and noticed the wire had been clipped, evidently for a quick get-away, if necessary. Toby found the youngsters in the wood and only a half-hundred feet from the melon patch, eating delightedly, at least until he arrived.

Grier credited Hall Goforth with the smartest outwitting of the melon stealers. Hall, Grier said, always planted two patches, one near the road, and a bigger one near his house. The melon stealers usually were satisfied at the small, more conveniently located patch.

It remained for Wood Jackson to steal the show in the tale-telling department. "Who was that colored fellow who used to have a melon patch on the East side of Gold street on what is now cemetery property?" Wood began. "We used to run him crazy stealing his watermelons until he finally got himself a double-barreled shotgun and watched his field at night."

"I bet you left his field alone, then," Grier put in.  
"This was the line Wood had been waiting for, and he replied, 'Didn't either. We thought the guy was a fence post and we busted one over his head.'"

Melon-stealing by youngsters used to be considered high sport, and maybe still is. However, farmers have been known to fire a shotgun in the general direction of the stealers.

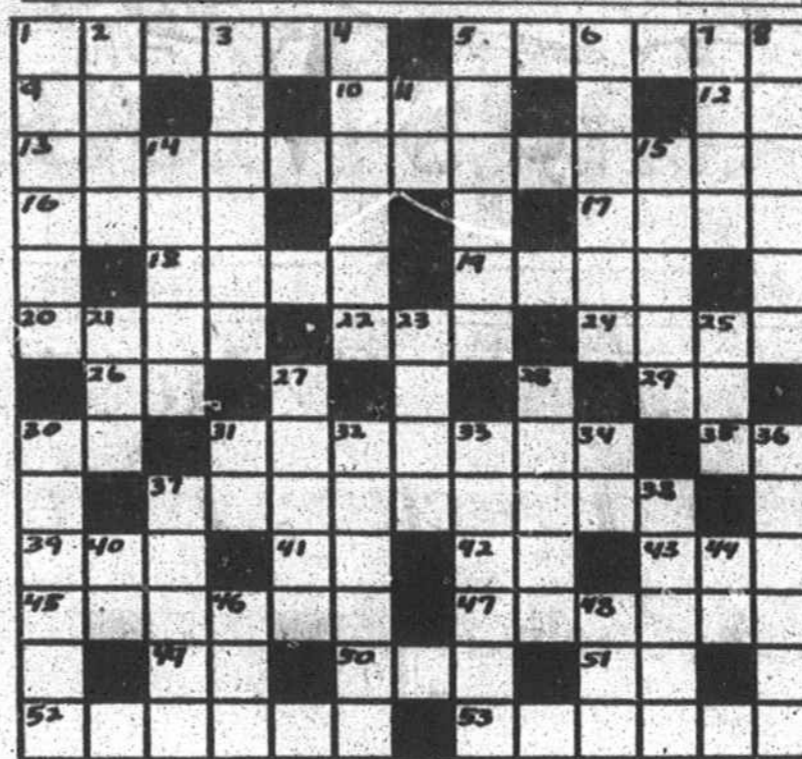
As further proof that Fall is just around the corner, Kings Mountain high school opens its 1951 football season Friday night, playing host to neighboring Bessemer City. September 7 seems mighty early to be starting football, but most of the football fans are ready. The squad has been working hard. I understand, and from the looks of the strawberries grazing the countenances of several of the players, I am inclined to believe my informers.

Most folk in this area won't be sorry to see Fall set in. It's been a hot, humid, blistering summer, and even the prospects of monthly fuel bills don't look too bad. This is in contrast to the Mid-West or at least in the Chicago area, where the mercury in the thermometer has had trouble reaching the 60-mark. No wonder the Chicago White Sox couldn't stay hot as they were, with no help from the weatherman.

Kings Mountain will have an unusual fall feature this season in the form of "Then Comes We Must!", which has al-

### CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



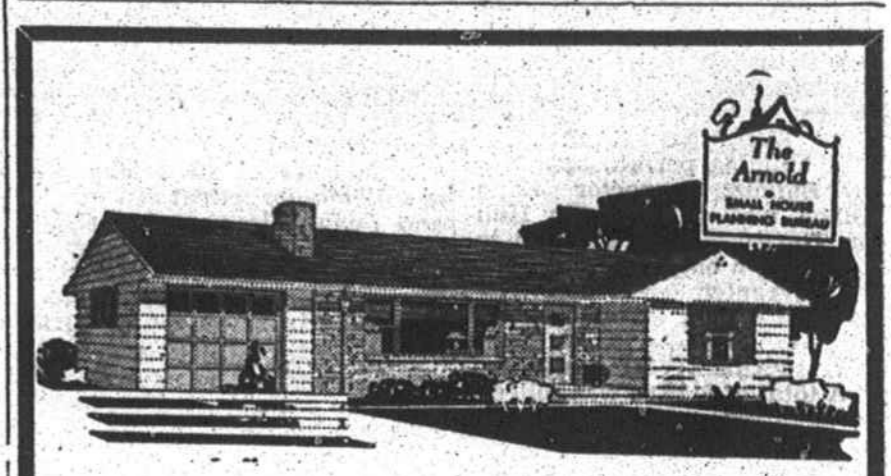
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See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

**PLAGUED BY DELUSION**  
STANLEY NEWS AND PRESS  
A Raleigh citizen, S. Wade Marr, Jr., speaking before an Elizabeth City civic club last week, declared that North Carolina has for fifty years hugged the delusion that it is far out in front of the other Southern states.  
Mr. Marr admitted that the state does lead in tobacco and textiles, but that the payoff comes in per capita income, and here North Carolina is far from the top. In fact, the figures show that among the 11 Southern states, North Carolina stands about midway on the list.  
Only in 1950, did the per capita income in the state reach the average in the Southern states. Georgia leads this state in income by one billion dollars.  
The speaker advanced a number of reasons that might account for our standing.  
First, North Carolina's tax structure is out of balance, and this tends to prevent the accumulation of investment capital.  
In the second place, according to Mr. Marr, we spend too much for automobiles, and too little on children.  
A bi-partisan system of state government was suggested as the third reason, for only under a two-party system can a state go forward as it should.  
The final suggestion by Mr. Marr is in these words: "If we really excited many history-minded citizens of the Piedmont Carolinas, information and ticket requests for the show are coming in regularly and, if the weatherman cooperates, the drama at the battleground should play to packed houses on each of the performance nights."  
Yes, Summer '51 is on its last legs.

**BUYING CIGARETTES**  
FOREST CITY COURIER  
It seems that the State of South Carolina has embarked upon an almost impossible task if it expects to police purchases of all of its citizens in North Carolina.  
News reports have it that recently a Spartanburg resident was observed buying a carton of cigarettes in Tryon, N. C. A few days later she received a letter from the South Carolina tax commission requesting her to forward \$1 to the commission to cover the South Carolina use tax on cigarettes.  
Not for a moment can one deny South Carolina the right to impose sale and use taxes.  
But we do suggest that if some of its citizens happen to stray over into North Carolina, where no such tax is in effect and make a purchase, it is not practical to run all of them down or determine who made such purchases. It will require a huge police force for that job.  
We suggest instead that South Carolina sell cigarettes to a few Tar Heels to make up the deficit. This will work if North Carolinians are unwise enough to be caught in South Carolina without a supply of cigarettes.  
are to improve our standard of living, we must develop skills. Had we lived up to our natural resources, ours would be a furniture-manufacturing and livestock center."  
Nothing serves to slow down improvement in states as well as individuals more than a feeling of self-satisfaction, and we believe that civic clubs throughout the state need to hear more speeches like the one made by Mr. Marr.  
Per capita income tells the story, and that is where our attention should be centered.



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