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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.

Christmas Near

It's not long 'til Christmas . . .

Already those who customarily wait until the last minute to make up and fill a Christmas list are envying a number of wise citizens who start to work early and avoid last-minute rushes.

For Christmas is less than a month and only 21 shopping days away.

Today is the formal opening in Kings Mountain of the Christmas shopping season. It means, in addition to the big parade which always delights the young folk, that Kings Mountain merchants will be decorating their stores and will be displaying Christmas goods, both old stand-bys and new products designed to please one and all.

Kings Mountain merchants have never gone along with some of the larger cities in rushing the Christmas season by opening their wares before Thanksgiving, a policy most folk heartily approve.

It reminds that the mayor of a neighboring city issued a proclamation or, at least, a statement, urging his citizens to shop at home during the Christmas season.

It seems to be a worthy suggestion.

Kings Mountain merchants have improved their facilities and have invested in a wider and widening variety of goods, which means that almost anyone can find about anything he wants right at home. From the standpoint of convenience, there should be no comparison and our guess is that most local merchants price their goods lower than do some of the firms of larger cities, where rents, taxes and other costs are higher.

The old-time merchant plead that he supported his community and that dollars spent with him stayed at home to be put to local use. Sometimes he might have been a little in arrears when the test of variety of goods was offered.

The fact of community support still remains, and local stores now hold equal place with their big-city neighbors in variety and quality of merchandise offered.

Members of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs are looking forward to hearing an address Thursday night by Congressman Woodrow W. Jones. Mr. Jones established something of a name for himself in his first year in Congress in his efforts to use the weight of his vote and his influence in curtailing some of the pork barrel features of the appropriations bill. It's the kind of language over-burdened taxpayers want to hear.

Our congratulations to George W. Mauney, who has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the forthcoming term. Mr. Mauney is a veteran member of the club's board of directors, and he has been a hard-working member. In turn, his hard work has been productive of successful results. It is therefore easy to predict that his term of office will be marked by progress and growth of the club.

Traffic accidents continue to take a heavy toll of life and limb. Several rules are listed for motorists to follow if they wish to avoid accidents. They include: 1) regular maintenance of automobiles in tip-top condition; 2) strict observance of the rules of the road; and 3) sharp attention to the actions of the fellow in the approaching car.

A best bow to Carl Moss, honor man of his class at King's Business College.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1941 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Garments made in Kings Mountain are now on their way to relieve suffering in war-torn Europe, according to Mrs. Ruth Gamble, Executive Secretary of the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

For the first time in the history of Kings Mountain the town has a brand new garbage truck. The big new red truck with its aluminum painted dump body will be a real addition to the sanitary department equipment.

Dr. J. E. Anthony is spending a few days in Florida. City Manager H. L. Burdette is attending the National Con-

vention of City Managers in Hollywood, Fla. Mrs. E. W. Griffin and children will spend the weekend with Mrs. Griffin's father in Mocksville. James Harold Plonk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greer Plonk, has returned to the U. S. Naval Station in Norfolk, Va. after spending Thanksgiving holidays at home.

Mrs. A. L. Hill and daughter, Rebecca Florine, returned home from the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, Sunday.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

Ties

The men of the United States, and, I suspect, in other nations too, regard December as "Tie Month", meaning neckties, of course, since this is one of the feature articles of apparel males find under the Christmas tree after Santa Claus has paid his visit.

Of course, for some men December is "Tie Month" in another sense, meaning that, in spite of Christmas, a lot of women take advantage of the normal feeling of good will in everyone and use the period for the necessary infiltration which results in hogtied men. In spite of the propaganda that lists June as the most popular month for marryings, December is popular too. And who can gainsay that many a lass, who stepped up to the minister in June, did not complete the arrangements in the pleasant atmosphere of the Christmas season?

But this piece is not designed for a discussion of hogtying males, except to remark that Franchot Tone's womenfolk must be using rotten string. He won't stay hitched.

On the subject of Christmas gift ties, it would be wise for all men to have a private, in-advance conference with their haberdashers. Many a wise-crack has been made about gift ties, along the general tenor of an inability on the part of the giver to match the tie to the man. This is due to several basic reasons. Some men like gay ties, and others like somber ones. Some like four-in-hands, and some like bows. Some like the ties they select (whether they're fit to wear to a dog fight or not), and some don't like ties of any kind or description. These anti-tie men are the ones responsible for the change in fashion which allows a male to wear a sport shirt year-round. Back in the days of the stiff collar, this would have been unthinkable.

I suppose one reason ties rate high on the gifts-for-males list is the fact that there is seldom a size problem, though on second thought, I wonder how a tie a little-necked man wears fits a guy who asks for a size 17 shirt. There is the bay-window problem, too. Any student of geometry knows that a straight line is the nearest distance between two points. And a bay window is curved, more or less. But I've never heard of any extra long ties for big men.

I suppose I could qualify as a moderate in tie taste. I like plenty of red and yellow, but I prefer stripes, for instance, to spotches. Some ties look like a steal from modern art, where the finished portrait makes it appear the painter stood off at a particular distance, then threw some paint toward the canvas.

But enough on Christmas neckties, for there are many other kinds.

About the most unsatisfactory kind of tie is one in an athletic contest, when the teams walk off the field all even, just as they started, with nothing to show but expended energy. It might be said that such a result leaves one about as cold as a bust in the Christmas tie line.

More important ties are those in which the word is used as "bond". Thus there are friendship ties, kinship ties, and business ties, in addition to the aforementioned marriage ties.

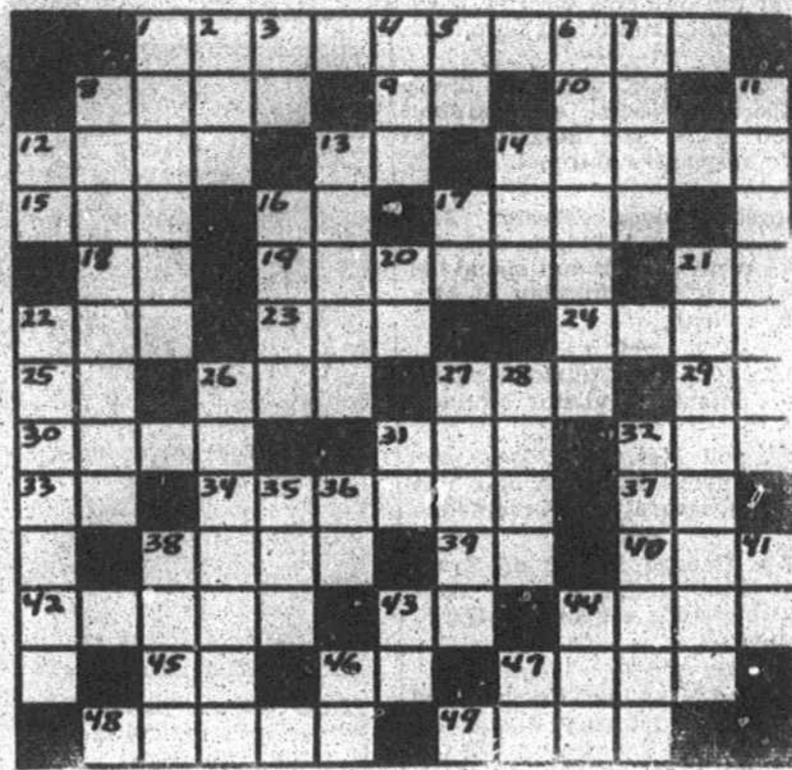
Another important one is the rail cross-tie. These sturdy wooden ties, properly laid, mean that a speeding train can carry its cargo, be it commerce or people, to a given destination in short time. If they become loose, it could mean a derailment and serious wreck.

Another kind of tie, according to the dictionary man, is a pattern used by a weaver. That was a new one for me, but I never question the dictionary man.

Just about everyone is familiar with the traffic tie-up, such as occurs every Saturday at the football stadia of the nation. When too many vehicles get in one place, there's bound to be a tie-up, and the only quality of character that's any good in such a situation is patience. The driver lacking patience is quite likely to run up a nice bill at his favorite garage.

But it's time this typewriter was untied. The Christmas shopping-season is opening and I must investigate the tie stocks for the males on my list.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS
- Popular backyard sport (plural)
 - This means nothing in tennis
 - Prefix denoting "joined"
 - Chemical symbol for copper
 - A good sport knows how to do this
 - Pronoun
 - A kind of sport for the beach
 - Kitchen utensil
 - Syllable applied to musical note
 - Broadcast (colloq.)
 - Flint, in boxing
 - Old graduates
 - Chemical symbol for tantalum
 - Number of bowling frames
 - Sports enthusiasm
 - Fragrant ointment
 - Measure of area
 - Possessive pronoun
 - City Bowling Association (abbrev.)
 - One in Scotland
- DOWN
- Major league baseball team
 - Mall
 - Prefix denoting down
 - If lucky, battleground
 - Not at all
 - Musical sweet potato
 - Hard, dry seeds
- GREAT SPORT
- An old Latin rose
 - Exclamation of satisfaction
 - Title of respect
 - Greek Navigator (abbrev.)
 - Speedy athlete
 - Preposition
 - Bobbles the baseball
 - Printer's measure
 - Tennis barrier
 - To get into the athletic "rink"
 - Either
 - Monster
 - Chemical symbol for selenium
 - Sports abbreviation
 - Intimate companions
 - A tennis offering
 - Infrequent
- Other clues:
- Sports lover who just watches
 - A swimmer who's going nowhere
 - Long jumper (abbrev.)
 - Distance runner
 - Every good athlete tries to do this
 - Binding for the sore-muscled athlete
 - Part of verb "to be"
 - Towards the top
 - Athletic reconditioners
 - Objectives for archery
 - Cross-country runner
 - Sports approximation
 - Home of the horsehoe
 - Pitcher's implement
 - Indefinite article
 - Baseball hit
 - Vase
 - Not specified (abbrev.)
 - Comfort
 - Chemical symbol for tellurium
 - Belonging to
 - Implement employed in water sports
 - Latin abbreviation signifying "that is"
 - Parental nickname

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

WOW STARTS GOOD MOVE
SPINDALE SUN
During the month of October, 1949, Hiram A. Melvin, of Charlotte, N. C., who was then serving as Head Consul of the North Carolina Woodmen of the World, instituted a program for entertaining the orphans of our state during the Christmas holidays.

Through an appeal to all the active Woodmen Camps in the state for voluntary contributions, sufficient money was raised the first year to make the Christmas parties a real success. They were able to entertain approximately sixteen hundred and fifty children the first year, representing twenty institutions.

In 1950 this program was enlarged; the amount of money spent per child was increased twenty-five percent, and in every way the parties were a greater success.

Just recently Sovereign Melvin directed a letter to the three hundred and fifty secretaries in the state announcing the beginning of the 1951 objective. During the next few weeks it is expected that all loyal Woodmen will support this program in their local camps. Many camps will sponsor turkey shoots, box suppers, special dinner meetings, square dances, etc., as a part of their overall effort to raise the necessary funds in order to remember the fine orphans of our state this Yuletide.

At the recent State Convention, which was held in Asheville, the State Hand Camp officially adopted this humanitarian program

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