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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Gas System Financing

Definite conclusion on the question of the City of Kings Mountain's entrance into the business of distributing natural gas must await the receipt and study of the report of the engineers, though the advance word is that there exists here sufficient potential demand for gas to justify the new utility business.

In turn, gas is supposed to be cheaper than other fuels. The phrase "supposed to be" is proper, for proposed rate schedules have yet to be examined.

According to a representative of R. S. Dickson Company, bond dealers and stock brokers, there will be no trouble selling revenue bonds to finance the building of a system. In fact, the representative says that the Dickson Company has every intention of buying the bonds itself.

Long-term, it appears good business for a city which is already in the utility business and which, eventually, must regard natural gas as a partial competitor, at least, for its electrical distribution business.

Short-term, there are the pressing needs of large expenditures for other and more basic services, particular sewage disposal. While revenue bonds do not pledge the "full faith and credit" of the city, none who is sane would want a city gas system or any other property foreclosed by its bondholders.

The survey report should be studied carefully, and, the Herald presumes, will be by many interested citizens.

Too Optimistic

Suggestion by Senators Moody, of Michigan, and Monroney, of Oklahoma, that anticipated "normal growth" increases in federal tax revenue during the final couple of years of the planned five-year rearmament program will balance the over-sized budgets seems a little too optimistic.

Besides, what about the current big debt, which no Congress seems to worry about denting?

It is true that the cost of financing the debt is in the lower register, but still requires about seven cents of each tax dollar. And what will happen when money gets more expensive, as, even now, is a probable situation?

One recommendation of the senators was: Seek additional specific economies, of which the average taxpayer will heartily approve.

The one way to effectively cut the cost of government is to bring out a sharp ax and slash the out go.

The Korean talks continue to drag, and opinion is quite divided on what the policy of United Nations action should be, even though almost all doubt that any concrete agreement for a truce will be obtained. Some think the United Nations should plan to hold its line "as is" and establish a sea blockade of China. Some think the blockade should be accompanied by air bombardment. Generally speaking, the last-mentioned opinion is not held by families of servicemen risking their lives in the Korean War. Patience is not an American trait, and the long drawn-out talks must wear the U. N. talkers thin, as it does the interested citizens of America and the globe. Yet patience has been known to pay dividends, and the recent reductions in draft demands by the services, due to decreased casualties in Korea, must be regarded as such a dividend. The motto of the truce teams should be, "Keep Talking".

10 YEARS AGO

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

National Boy Scout Week gets underway in Kings Mountain tomorrow, Friday, February 6th and continues through the twelfth.

The receipts from postage stamps according to Postmaster Blakey during January totaled \$1,665.87 which sets the high mark for this month.

Social and Personal
Mrs. Howard Jackson and Miss Nina Jackson were hostess to the members of the Junior

Woman's Club for the regular monthly meeting entertaining at Mrs. Jackson's home in the Mauney apartments.

A surprise birthday party was given by Doris McDaniel at her home on Myers Street Saturday afternoon honoring Jimmy McDaniel who was seven years old.

Mrs. Joe Grimes of Atlanta, Ga., returned home Saturday after a visit with relatives in Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shuford of Forest City were visitors in Kings Mountain last week.

Jimmy Dickey returned to Catawba College Sunday after spending the weekend with his mother and family.

The Ideal restaurant has been sold by John Fisher to Mrs. Jimmy Burns. Mrs. Burns assumed management of the popular restaurant Monday. New equipment is to be installed and several improvements to be made.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

February Opener

With 1952 more than one-twelfth gone, how are the resolutions holding up?

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Here we are, well into February, and time still taking off like a super-sonic jet airplane, well into what is sometimes known as holiday and banquet month.

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There is Valentine's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, and Washington's Birthday, and last Saturday was Groundhog Day, though I've never heard of it being observed as a holiday except by Mr. Groundhog. In this region of the U. S. A., Mr. Lincoln's birthday doesn't get much note either.

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And this year there is February 29, truly an important date, since it only occurs every fourth year. Actually, it is important for other reasons, to wit, Leap Year, supposedly the year in which a pretty damsel is permitted, both by custom and feminine notion, to come right out and say to her favorite swain, "Bud, let's quit foolin' around and get hitched."

In years other than those divisible by four, the maiden is supposed to trap her man by more subtle means. I have had some reports that a few have jumped the gun on this Leap Year business, but the reports have not been verified. Males of the land are inclined to the theory that February 29 is the only day to which such female license applies. Thereby, they feel safe after taking the long way around their maid's habitats on the particular day. However, they should be advised that such precaution is insufficient. The only way to avoid a burn is to avoid the practice of playing with fire. Having been a Leap Year groom, I ought to know.

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Speaking of holidays, it was several years ago in another city that I knew a bank teller who was the unofficial bank holiday man. He kept a calendar of all the excuses findable for a bank holiday and made it a point to remind both the officers of his bank and of its neighbors. For a couple of years, it was plumb hard to make a deposit in February. The banks observed 'em all.

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And speaking of banquets, the Boy Scout folk have already handled theirs, and the Merchants have one upcoming. My guess is that there will be more before the month is past. The womenfolk are the cause of this heavy run of banquets too. (What aren't they the cause of?) They're always interested in the decoration business, and February affords an ideal time for rich coloring, with the red-and-white of Valentine's Day, and the red-and-white of martial decorations. The cold weather helps too, if sufficient coal is in the bin, or the oil tank isn't too low. Listening to a speaker in hot water can become mighty uncomfortable.

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Assistant Postmaster George Hord tells me that one month of business on two-cent postal cards indicates that the business ain't what it once was. The ten percent surcharge on purchases over 49 has had the effect of slowing a considerable part of the mass mailing direct advertising business which once went out on postal cards. It reminds that some folk who like this form of getting to their customers are switching to third-class mail, which they can post, still for one cent after buying a permit fee, which I believe is \$10. The rate goes up to 1 1/2 cents July 1, but it will still be cheaper for a person or firm which does a lot of mail promoting. The postoffice, incidentally, was "caught" with 28,000 of the old one-cent postal cards and found a lot of licking required to make them new 1952 models.

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Most likely, the end of February will find spring threatening heavily, though there will be some cold days, as usual, in March, and perhaps in April with Easter later this year. But it makes February a nice month with spring en route, holidays and banquets.

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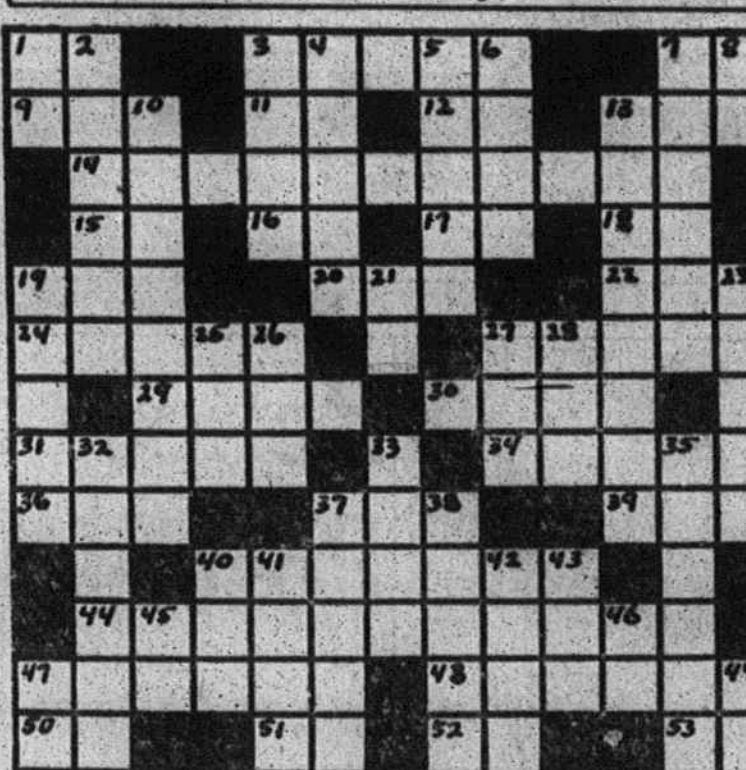
About the only item un-nice about February is that monthly bills come around quicker. But this year, February gives one additional day of respite.

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LOOK IN TABLETS—SAME INSTANT RELIEF

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- 1—Measure of area
- 2—Think every politician
- 3—Greek letter
- 4—Dry of wine
- 5—Birth state of ex-President Herbert Hoover (abbrev.)
- 6—Partake of liquid
- 7—Administrative powers
- 8—Printer's measure
- 9—Compass direction
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- 11—One of the monarchies (abbrev.)
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See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Viewpoints of Other Editors

DUKE CALLS A BLUFF

(RALPH NEWS & OBSERVER)

As might have been expected, Duke university ignored a threat by Senator Joe McCarthy to hold the university "legally accountable" if it permitted publication of an impartial factual analysis of McCarthy's feud with the State Department by Professor Horrell Hart of the Duke faculty. It would be difficult to conceive of a more transparent threat, or one more characteristic of McCarthy than the senator's letter to President Hollis Eades of Duke in which McCarthy called the study a repetition of "the vicious, false and libelous attacks which have been levelled at me by the Daily Worker and some of the Communist camp following elements of the press and radio."

It would also be difficult to conceive of a stranger target for the Communist charge than Duke university.

The study has now been published despite McCarthy's threats and despite his unwillingness to supply any corrections he might have to make, which he was requested to do when the preliminary draft was sent to him.

Joe McCarthy will not sue Duke university or anyone else. If he ever enters a courtroom to try to prove his outrageous charges, it will be because he has been dragged into court. So far, he has avoided being carried to court by making his charge under cloak of his senatorial immunity. He will hardly go to court voluntarily and even McCarthy might think twice before trying to make the Communist libel stick against Duke university.

Pfc. Barrie D. Short At Arizona Base

LUKE AFB, Phoenix, Ariz. — Pfc. Barrie Dean Short has recently arrived here to begin work with the 12th Field Maintenance Squadron. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ector H. Short of 616 King street, Kings Mountain.

Pfc. Short enlisted into the Air Force in June 1951. He completed basic training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

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(FOREST CITY COURIER)

England's domestic economy is such that it appears Mr. Churchill will have to persuade his countrymen that they are in for another era of blood, sweat and tears. This may be a more difficult task than it was before when the British faced physical danger from the Germans. If the country survives, however, its people must be brought to a realization that solving their problems even with all the help the heavily taxed American people can give, necessitates another such dedication of their resources and their sacrifices.

One of England's troubles, under the Socialists, was that the people were led to believe they could enjoy public service for which they would not have to pay. They are finding that these services do cost money, and the only place the English government can get money with which to pay the bill is from taxation at home or borrowing from the United States. British taxes have already become so burdensome that the total needs could not be met by the British people and hence this country was called on to help with loans and grants.

Now the American taxpayer is beginning to back at high taxes, a part of which goes to purchase social benefits for people of other countries, which he has to pay out of his private income.

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