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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

He that tilleth the land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding. Proverbs 12:11.

### A New Monarch

It is hard for some Americans to understand the British in their high regard for a royal family.

Some wonder if Britain, in her distraught financial situation, might not dispense to practical advantage with this tradition of centuries.

Britain, in fact, has dispensed with that portion of a monarch's prerogatives which once gave the king power of life and death over his subjects.

Yet Britain and the British people, if given a choice, would likely forego a hike in the meat ration, rather than desert the tradition of the monarchy.

And certainly there are benefits to the system for Britain.

The late George VI was non-partisan head of the state, working the same way with Attlee as he did with Churchill, and vice versa. He was also non-partisan head of two churches, the Church of England, and the Presbyterian church of Scotland. Queen Elizabeth II will be the same. Perhaps it is through this system that Britain gets much of its strength. There is one person, always, who thinks first and only of the good of the whole, without the questionable shades of partisan politics or conflicting interests of average individuals.

The King is dead; long live the Queen.

### Fine Response

Response of Kings Mountain citizens to the appeal for blood donations at the recent visit of the Bloodmobile was the best it had ever been. A new record was set, and the donors can take a good measure of satisfaction, for they will be helping to save the lives of the injured, the ill, or, otherwise, speeding their return to health.

Credit is due all who gave blood and all who gave their services in aiding the Red Cross collection.

Credit is also due to Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., the local chapter's program chairman, for a job done well.

Kings Mountain, the beneficiary of blood collections as well as the donor, should resolve to respond similarly to future appeals for blood, a life-giving, life-saving substance.

According to reports of the several officials, Kings Mountain citizens have a good record of compliance on the several required January jobs, which include listing property for taxes, paying 1951 tax bills, and buying 1952 auto tags. It is interesting to note that the auto population of the city, on the basis of tag sales, indicates one car is owned by every seventh person. Assuming some motorists haven't yet bought city tags, that ratio may well be changed to one in six. It is a day of moving on wheels.

The Rev. Peter J. Dennis comes to Kings Mountain Sunday for a week's preaching mission at Resurrection Lutheran church. He brings with him a reputation as minister of exceptional ability. Those who attend the special services will undoubtedly benefit by hearing him.

If you haven't yet, write a check today for the Kings Mountain District Boy Scout fund. It is a worthy investment in good citizenship and the many fine traits good citizenship implies.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

### Valentine Greetings

The calendar dictates today's medicinal subject, for better or for worse, as the marryin' parsons say.

It just might be for worse, for I've been out of the Valentine Greeting league for some several moons, and have not yet dreamed up a good second line for "Roses are red, violets are blue..." I suppose I could slip into the five-and-dime store, or some other card-selling spot, and steal a few lines, but I haven't.

Neither are the medicinal library stores in too good a shape for Valentine's Day, but the calendar has spoken.

A slightly aged Compton's Encyclopedia devotes only a couple of paragraphs to St. Valentine's Day and frankly admits its researchers didn't uncover too much reputable data on the card-sending practice. As early as Chaucer's time, Compton's reports, young folk in the hamlets of England, Scotland and France were holding Valentine frolics. They would assemble and draw names, and the girl's name on the slip a lad drew was his "Valentine" or sweetheart for a year. Later on the upper classes took up the custom, exchanging presents and performing services, such as a medieval knight might attend to for his lady.

The only thing that sounds unreasonable about Compton's version of the Valentine festival is putting a year's worth of cupid business on the luck of the draw, much like placing the whole bankroll on the nose or one horse. If the nag doesn't come in, you'd be broke, but good. I dare say the youth of Chaucer's day looked around a bit, in spite of custom, provided the draw didn't suit.

As is generally acknowledged, St. Valentine's Day gets its name from a Roman Christian who was expert in converting the pagans of his day. Compton's thinks that the start of Valentine's Day was an effort of Christians in Italy to make "proper" a holiday the pagans already celebrated, to wit, the feast of Lupercalia. Supposedly, the Christians couldn't halt the custom, so like modern folk, they compromised. But Compton's won't guess on the start of the greeting business, saying "none knows."

Another reference work, corroborates the St. Valentine story, from the standpoint of origination, and further adds the note that St. Valentine was a Bishop of Rome. He was so eloquent of speech and able in persuading the pagans to Christianity that he made the Emperor jealous.

Another check made by the medicinal department led to a children's book called "Really So Stories," by Elizabeth Gordon. Though she doesn't relate how the greeting card business started, she does say that it had nearly died out, until a New England lady named Esther Howland, of Worcester, Mass., received a laicy Valentine greeting from a friend in England. Miss Howland figured she could make some money out of the business of making and selling Valentine greetings. Needless to say, Miss Howland did all right, and the Hallmark folk, and other card makers, will probably be in her debt forever.

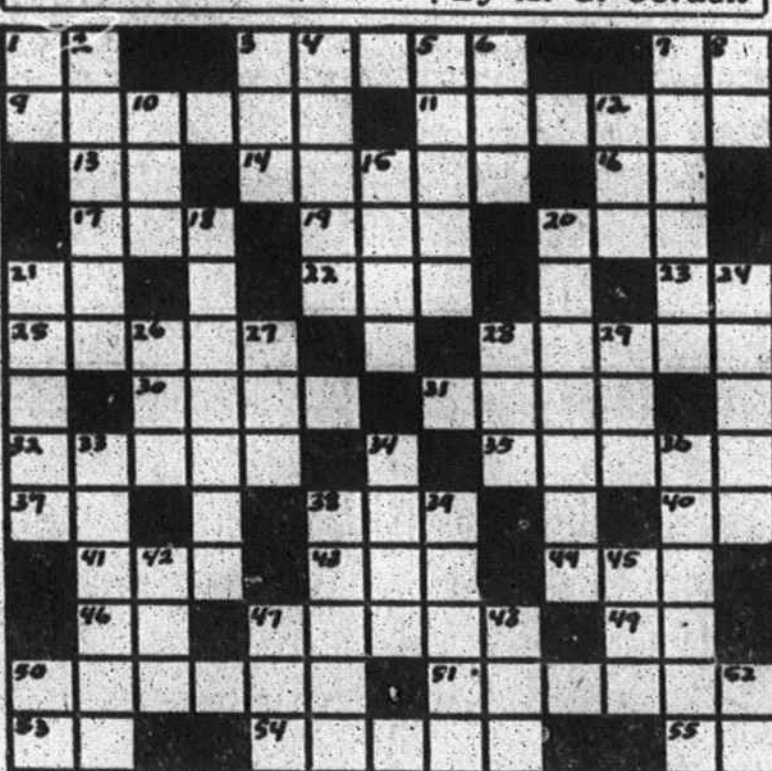
Miss Gordon added another note on old St. Valentine himself. Not reported by other sources, but delineated in "Really So", was the statement that the jealous emperor used his royal prerogative to have St. Valentine's head chopped off, a sad end for the old boy in the year 270 A. D.

Thus we have Valentine's Day, with its symbol of Cupid as the leading figure, and young folk today are still drawing names, posting Valentines and using the excuse to wax romantic.

Older folk remember Valentine's Day, too. Older men had better. However, it's not greeting cards their ladies want, but candy, or hose, or jewelry, or some other suitable personal gift. Failure to purchase a valentine - decorated gift item is a dangerous risk of a trip to the doghouse.

A Valentine verse for male spouses:  
Roses are red, violets are blue  
Buy some candy to take to the shrew.  
She'll relax her vigil, think you are fine;  
It might earn a night's freedom from the clinging vine.

### CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1—Roman numeral
  - 3—Article of home entertainment
  - 7—Printer's measure
  - 9—Room of the house
  - 11—Literary
  - 13—Negative
  - 14—Military storage point
  - 16—Ancient sun god
  - 17—Lair
  - 20—Resting place
  - 21—Greek letter
  - 22—Some
  - 23—Everyone individually (abbrev.)
  - 25—Old saying
  - 28—Shapes
  - 30—To venture
  - 31—To quote
  - 32—Struck
  - 33—To rub with friction
  - 37—College degree
  - 38—Musical propelling instrument
- DOWN**
- 1—Military command post (abbrev.)
  - 3—Frank
  - 5—Blender stick
  - 4—Place of content
  - 5—Light sarcasm
  - 6—Orain
  - 7—Inebriated
  - 8—Pronoun
  - 10—Fish egg
  - 12—From
  - 13—An old southern American bread of corn
  - 18—Enchid
  - 20—Dresses
  - 21—In grammar, to receive a sentence into elements
  - 24—Full flower
  - 26—Fuss
  - 27—Before
  - 28—Century, 1099
  - 29—Stomach
  - 34—Foundation
  - 36—Stomach smoke-stack
  - 38—To trumble
  - 39—To trumble
  - 42—Bain
  - 43—Poetical "even"
  - 47—Playing card
  - 48—Salute
  - 50—Parental nickname
  - 52—Ancient sun god

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

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### THIS BUSINESS OF RECREATION (FOREST CITY COURIER)

A graphic concept of the amount of the American tax bill can be grasped from a comparison of the amount of taxes paid last year with the cost of food for the 150 million American people. Statisticians report that the United States spent 52½ million dollars for food.

Taxes for all units of government totaled \$57 million.

These facts do not necessarily mean that either taxes or food are higher than inflation would normally force these costs. It merely shows how much of the national income is consumed by government expenses. There was a time in the history of the country's economy when a worker believed that if he could get sufficient money to feed his family, he would not have to worry too much about the cost of government.

That time has passed. Perhaps there will never be a return of such conditions. Governments are doing more things, performing more services for more people than ever before. On its face that may seem to be progress, but it tends to bring about a condition in which the individual depends less on himself and his own efforts and more on the state.

#### TAXES AND FOOD (LINCOLN TIMES)

During the year 1950, more than a quarter of a billion dollars was spent on recreation. Private financing accounted for only four per cent of the total, which of course, means that the taxpayer is playing the biggest role in the multimillion dollar recreation business.

According to the mid-century edition of the Recreation and Park Yearbook published by the National Recreation Association, there were only about a dozen cities in the nation that had playgrounds for small children at the turn of the century. Now the nation boasts over 24 thousand playgrounds, recreation building, and other indoor centers.

Early playgrounds had only a sandbox, swings, seesaws, and a bench for mothers. Now some communities have bathing beaches, archery ranges, bridal paths, camps, gardens, nature trails, shooting ranges, outdoor theaters and toboggan slides. The importance of proper recreation is thus being realized in America's cities.

From the report, it appears that swimming centers attract the largest gross attendance, with softball diamonds, picnic areas, and zoos following in that order.

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## Rites Conducted For R. M. Dover

Funeral services for Robert Marion Dover, 85, of Grover, route 1, were conducted Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Pleasant Hill Baptist church and interment was in the church cemetery.  
Rev. Lawrence Roberts officiated, assisted by Rev. E. M. Smith and interment was in the church cemetery.  
Mr. Dover died at his home Wednesday at 8 p. m. He had been ill since September and seriously ill for three weeks.  
Before his retirement, he had operated a farm. He was a brother of the late John R. Dover, of

Shelby, founder of Dover Mills. He was a native of York, S. C., and moved to Cleveland county in 1874. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist church and for several years he was superintendent of the Sunday School.  
Mr. Dover is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Lowery Dover; his stepmother, Mrs. Jane Dover; of Shelby; five sons, Bobby Dover and Hugh Dover, of Kings Mountain, route 2; William T. Dover and Carl P. Dover of Dover Mill and Brady Dover, of Grover, route 1; and a daughter, Mrs. Max Ponder, of Orlando, Fla.  
Also surviving are 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a half-brother, George Dover of Grover; and a half-sister, Mrs. Herman Holcomb.

### STOCK MARKET CRASH

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### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Members of the Town Council Monday night authorized City Manager H. L. Burdette to purchase and install a two way police radio system.  
After four years of successful practice in Winston-Salem, N. C. Dr. W. L. Mauney will open his office here to practice Chiropractic and Foot Orthopedics.  
Social and Personal  
In a ceremony of charm and beauty Miss Sara Kate Ormand of Kings Mountain became the bride of Major O. P. Lewis of Kings Mountain and Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
John Dilling, Jr., of Kannapolis, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady King.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Barnhart and little daughter, Shirley, who moved back to Charlotte from Columbia, recently were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomson during the weekend.  
Mrs. Barnhart was before her marriage Miss Mildred Ormand.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Brackmer and son, Arthur Norman of New York are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Benson. Mr. and Mrs. Benson went to Kannapolis to see their son who is sick.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin and children were guests of Mrs. Griffin's sister and family in Elkin Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., spent last week in New York and Philadelphia.