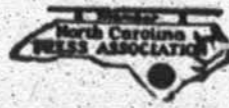


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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them. Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. S., Luke 11:17.

### Are Meters Legal?

The question of whether parking meters are legal came up in Superior Court again the other day, and, again, the question of their legality was left hanging in the never-never land of "maybe yes" and "maybe no."

Judge Hoyle Sink made a ruling, but wouldn't explain it, in a case involving a Hickory lawyer and the City of Hickory. It had been advertised as a test case on both sides of the fence and, as such, attracted the considerable attention of the vast majority of the towns and cities of the state who have installed the meters, usually as a means to democratize business section parking space. Since revenue is derived from the meters, the result is that, once revenue is coming in from them, city boards begin to liking the revenue right much. It's relatively easy to tax, but hard to remove one.

Some cities are giving the parking meter receipts to recreation committees for use in public recreation plant building and promoting, and there is question about the legality of this divergence of funds.

With many cities in the state in the parking meter business, it would seem high time to get the law clarified. Previous history has been that the courts duck the basic issue, and merely rule on the particular act involved.

If no ruling, favorable or unfavorable, is received from the courts by the 1953 session of the General Assembly, it would seem in order for the Assembly to enact legislation giving an answer, if, indeed, it is possible.

The meters here have made parking space available in the business section, but in Greensboro, Charlotte, Asheville and the large cities it is still hard to find a parking place. Greensboro is leading the way in obtaining off-street parking for autos, and Asheville is also moving in that direction.

With the car population ever increasing, it will be interesting to note the Greensboro results.

### Light Rates

The city is going to have an engineer study its light and power rates to determine whether they are off base and, if so, what changes in them should be made.

For the service, they will pay a fee of \$1,000 to Max Miller, the Greensboro electrical engineer, who has just filed with the city a survey of the electrical system.

Parenterally, it may be said that Mr. Miller's survey report came as a surprise. Most folk had expected that he would recommend a complete re-building of the distribution system, which would cost a considerable sum. However, the engineer said the system could be put in good shape, eliminating the several low voltage points in the system, for about \$8,000.

The city's light rate schedule has been discussed, off and on, for several years. Mr. Miller himself, when first discussing the survey proposal last summer, took a look at the current rate card and remarked that some of the schedules "look funny."

If the rates are out of line, equalizing of them should be accomplished. It is an other search for equity, for which there are many varying definitions.

The fact of two police chiefs, one day and one night, rather well defies comment. The Herald hasn't heard of such before, nor have many other people. The experiment, for that is what it must be called, will be interesting to watch.

Our congratulations to C. E. Neisler and Carl F. Mauney, new members of the city planning board.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon.

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

### Truth Day

Friday will be "Truth Day", better known perhaps as George Washington's birthday, through generations of American school children have come to associate the birthday of General Washington with the cherry tree incident, when George risked paddling, but staunchly admitted his youthful sin.

There are some who contend that the tale is a myth, which may or may not be. But it makes a good tale. And it helps to inculcate a good trait into the youngsters. Not much emphasis is given to another factor or in it some truthful youngsters might suggest that Papa be encouraged to give the proper rewards for truth: to wit, leaving the razor strap (or strap) hanging, unused, on its hook.

Truth is one of the abstracts on which few, if any, can score 100 percent. Many times the differences are quite honest. Folk just "see" things differently. A check with a half-dozen witnesses to an auto wreck might give a half-dozen different versions. The difference is in the "seeing". Then there are the multiple difficulties of sports officials. A close play at first base can cause a wide difference of opinion among spectators, participating teams, and umpire. Nor does the home crowd ever see a clipping incident in football, nor a hacking foul in basketball, if the game is close and the decision is against the local favorite. Still a difference of "seeing".

But there can be 100 percent truth on the great majority of issues at hand, and, both before and since George's day, the habit of telling the truth has paid dividends to the habituees.

George Washington was born 220 years ago, which is several moons, as the Indians Washington fought and favored would describe it. George's folks were English, and his great-great grandfather had been a wool trader in England before a depression hit and reverses resulted. George was a native American. According to Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, via the World Almanac, Washington owned 70,000 acres of land in Virginia at the time of his death, plus 40,000 more on the Great Kanawha and environs. That is a lot of real estate, and it would be rough to get tax bills on that much these days. Some of the land George inherited from his brother, the other he purchased. It was probably natural that George, a surveyor by trade, would develop a respect for land.

There were some interesting data in the brief biographical sketch on the "Father of the Country" including the fact that he contracted smallpox in the West Indies, while on a surveying job lived through it, a subsequent series of military engagements in both the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars then died of acute laryngitis. However, on reading the biographical note, there is some question whether the bad throat really killed him. He was "bled profusely", the note reads, hardly a suitable treatment for any ailment. It reminds that medicine has come a long way. Bleeding used to be standard treatment for many ailments. I suppose the idea was that illness came from poison blood. Now they put in "fresh" and and let you keep all the old.

George's wife, Martha Custis, was previously described to him as the "prettiest, richest widow in Virginia". George recognized the happy combination and let her catch him. George sired no children but Martha's great-granddaughter married Robert E. Lee, the South's military hero of a later date. Since George had adopted the girl's father, I suppose one could say that Robert E. Lee was George Washington's great-grandson by adoption. It's a little complicated to figure out, somewhat like tracing kin to fourth and fifth cousins.

George had a lot to do with establishing the United States as an independent nation, before, during and after the Revolution. He didn't like the British arrogance and was distrustful of anything foreign, and his warning against getting entangled with other nations is still used by politicians, isolationists, and others at frequent intervals. The internationalists think George would have changed his mind today, with London, Paris, Berlin, and Moscow only a matter of hours away, rather than weeks by ship, which depend-

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

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-46 indicating starting points for words.

- ACROSS: 1-Wetly expanse, 2-Feel sick, 3-European nation, 4-Unrefined mineral, 5-City with a famous careening tower, 6-Central American country (poss.), 7-One of the world's lowest (abbrev.), 8-South American city, 9-Hawaiian dish, 10-Limb, 11-Bone, 12-Asiatic country (poss.), 13-Island scene of Napoleonic exile, 14-Chemical symbol for nickel, 15-Chemical symbol for terbium, 16-Cotton-mill city of New England, 17-Medical term for rupture, 18-Printer's measure, 19-Worthless coin, 20-Chic drink, 21-Man's nickname, 22-Former Russian ruler, 23-Oriental country, 24-Unrefined mineral, 25-City with a famous careening tower, 26-Central American country (poss.), 27-One of the world's lowest (abbrev.), 28-South American city, 29-Poetical "even", 30-The unity of the U.S. States, 31-Famous American peak of Tibet, 32-Italian village at mouth of Tiber River, 33-Abbreviated location of island of the Philippines, 34-Mohammedan feminine apartment house, 35-Man's nickname (poss.), 36-U.S. state known as "Old Dominion" (abbrev.), 37-Native of the Arabian peninsula, 38-Roman 101, 39-Military policemen, 40-Greek letter, 41-Yes, in Spain, 42-Anti-decking society (abbrev.), 43-Measure of area, 44-Island scene of Napoleonic exile, 45-Some one, 46-Girl's name.

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

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

**IN FOR A HARD TIME (BELMONT BANNER)**  
We learned from Congressman Woodrow Jones, at Raleigh last week, that the Federal Government is attempting to change policies in the placing of Defense Contracts. Congressman Jones, who is bitterly opposing this bill, stated that the change is unfair and will penalize our local textile industries and workers who have been doing their part in government economy.

Charles E. Wilson, one of the top Buraeucrats, has issued an order that all Defense Contracts be placed first in areas with marked unemployment or depressed. This means that the New England states would be the recipients of all Textile and Yarn contracts without even bidding. The South would then suffer, and suffer greatly, because the New England States have gone down in textiles and other industries.

The South, particularly this area, has shown rapid growth by making quality yarns and keeping the prices right. In fact the Government has not "given" a contract to a Southern plant. Our plants have taken them on low bids and kept our people working regularly until recently. Now we must step out of the picture so that Mr. Wilson can help New England manufacturers get on top again.

This is bad even though we weren't interested in Textiles. If the Government would require more bids and look closer into the cost of items they must buy we would all be better off. Now, if Wilson has his way, our own Textile plants here will be penalized simply because we were patriotically bidding and getting contracts by offering value and quality to the taxpayers.

In other words it looks like to us that the Government is taking an industry that has survived depressions and was second in defense importance during the last war only to steel and is making a W. P. A. Project out of it. Spent the money . . . and raise taxes, that seems to be the only solution the present administration knows. They can't see that they are going to create a distressed area here to help stop another. Yes, maybe they can see it and know how we will vote. The New Englanders will buck the traces and they figure we will not. So get the votes it's an election year seems to be the cry of the ambitious political leaders.

Times have changed a lot since George lived, wared, loved and died. There may be argument about his international ideas, but none about the cherry tree episode and its exhortation to tell the truth.

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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.

A total of 841 men between the ages of 20 and 45 marched to the nine registering places under the jurisdiction of the Local Draft Board, Monday and signed up under the selective service act.

School Cafeteria. Social and Personal Mrs. Wray Plonk was hostess at a party last Saturday night honoring her sister, Mrs. F. M. Welch, Jr., of Monroe, nee Miss Nina Putman, a bride of January.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mr. Hoyle McDaniel of Kings Mountain and Charleston, and Miss Ester Cooke of Charleston which took place February 14th. Mr. John Floyd spent the past weekend in Greensboro. Miss Ella Harmon spent the weekend in Shelby with her niece, Mrs. Lloyd Wolfe.