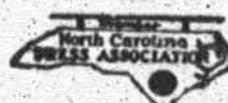


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Herald Policy

Slightly more than seven years ago, when the present ownership acquired the Herald properties, it published a statement of policy as follows:

“...one aim: to present to the subscribers of the Kings Mountain Herald a gradually improving newspaper which will serve the interests of no particular group or interest, unless that group or interest represents the will of the people of this city and its environs.”

The Herald has kept that pledge and will continue to keep it.

Briefly, the Herald regards as its first duty the reporting of the news to its readers, now numbering more than 8,000. The news is sometimes unpleasant for individuals concerned, and for the member of the Herald staff handling it. But handling the news on the basis of whether or not it is pleasant is not the Herald's concern.

The Herald does not hate. It merely reports. Editorially, it may disagree or agree with individuals on public matters, but it does not hate. This constant guard against pinioning individuals or groups means that sharp disagreement on one matter does not dis-color consideration of a future matter.

The Herald naturally cocks the eyebrow at a lot of things, for it has learned by that great teacher, experience, that it is most popular for individuals to use a newspaper to advance personal aims of questionable character.

The Herald of the past seven years has invested the major portion of its earnings in expanding its physical plant and staff to bring the community the type of newspaper it should have.

The Herald renews its pledge and un-necessarily reminds its readers that they get the news, as it happened, un-censored and unexpurgated, when they read the Kings Mountain Herald.

Fashion Frolic

The Junior Woman's Club will present a fashion show called "Fashion Frolic" at the Woman's Club Friday night, and our guess is that it will be well-attended.

Almost all women are interested in becoming clothes, and Friday night's show is designed to demonstrate the latest fashions in what the well-dressed lady will wear for summer. Children's wear will come in for treatment, too.

The show is being presented in co-operation with the Kings Mountain Merchants association, and the participating merchants are going all-out to demonstrate what they have in summer apparel.

Local merchants have participated in fashion shows here before, but not for several years.

"Fashion Frolic" is a worthwhile project on the part of the Junior Woman's Club, and one that should be presented a minimum of twice annually.

Work is well underway on the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club's annual horse show, and plans announced last week indicate that it will be another fine show, popular with both spectators and exhibitors alike. Proceeds go to worthwhile community work. The club used its profits last year, for instance, to purchase a needed piece of equipment for the hospital which has already been credited with saving the lives of several babies.

10 YEARS AGO

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

The Spring Flower Show, sponsored by the Woman's Club was staged at the club house last Friday and resulted in a display of beautiful flowers despite the recent continued drought.

Following the custom of the past several years Kings Mountain stores and business houses will close each Tuesday at noon beginning with the First Tuesday in June.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. B. N. Barnes entertained members of the Study Club at her home in her apartment on

King Street. The rooms were attractively arranged with roses and larkspur.

Corp. Humes Houston who has been stationed at Fort Jackson has been transferred to Fort Benning, Ga., where he will take the officers' training course.

Mrs. Paul McGinnis and two children have been on an extended visit in Burlington where they were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Hamm.

Mrs. G. A. Bridges and Mrs. D. F. Ford visited their sons at

Wake Forest College recently. Miss Janie Davis of Earl spent the weekend with Miss Alda Jean Davis.

W. T. Grayson and Jimmie Harris spent the weekend in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Lewis Hair has returned home after a visit of several days to Mrs. Warren Roberts in Gastonia.

Charles Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Alexander has completed his business course in Asheville and is now at his home here.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

Dinner Talkfest

I suppose people talk as much as they ever did, some too much, some not quite enough, but the one has changed somewhat.

Time was when the bulk of talking was done via the personal visit method, in the evenings or Sunday afternoons, but many report that this form has fallen by the wayside with the emergence of the automobile and the faster pace of living. Television, too, has been a bane to the art of conversation, a development decried by many good talkers who have to squirm during an evening's entertainment. Bridge is no good for conversation either. One friend of mine is very blunt about the matter, having remarked several times in no uncertain terms, "If we're gonna play bridge, let's play bridge. If we're gonna talk, let's talk, and I prefer talking."

Day of specialization in all things..... d-t

But one sure avenue to good conversation, including the usual business chatter, house-garden-and-children notes, and nostalgic tall tales which, like trees, grow with the years, is a dinner engagement. Conversation between bites is still one of the prevailing arts of polite society, cafe and otherwise, even if it sometimes seems to vanish at the home table where Pa and Ma take each other for granted and figure they haven't done anything all day worth mentioning.

Thus it was that conversation reigned supreme over Dr. John McGill's house the other night, and it was most pleasant for the medicinal operator, who lists conversation as Hobby No. 1.

It was a session of ARP's, the Bill Fultons, Marriott Phifers, and John Cheshires being also present, and I learned again, if I had forgot, that the ARP's are pretty good talkers.

The only pictures we saw had no script attached, other than Dr. John's pleasant non-verbose comments. In addition to being a specialist at pulse-feeling, pill-prescribing and other medical arts, the good doctor is also an expert with the color camera and demonstrated some of his photographic shots which he made while holding sick call for the army in Japan, not to mention a series of tempting numbers photographed during the big snow of a few months back.

But the audience laughed most at John's shot of an office front of a Japanese chiropractor, who was not as modest in his advertising as Dr. L. T. Anderson or others of his profession. The Japanese sign, in both English and Japanese, read: "Fracture - Contusion - Dislocation - Wrench Boneseetting - Y. Ishi." John didn't admit to doing business with Mr. Ishi.

The talk, as it would in such a group, turned to activities at Erskine College, where a good portion of the ten folk, six by actual count, had attended school and thereby got an extra punch or two in their heaven-bound ticket. (The tale goes that an ARP will have trouble with St. Peter, unless he has visited, at least, Erskine College, at Due West, S. C.)

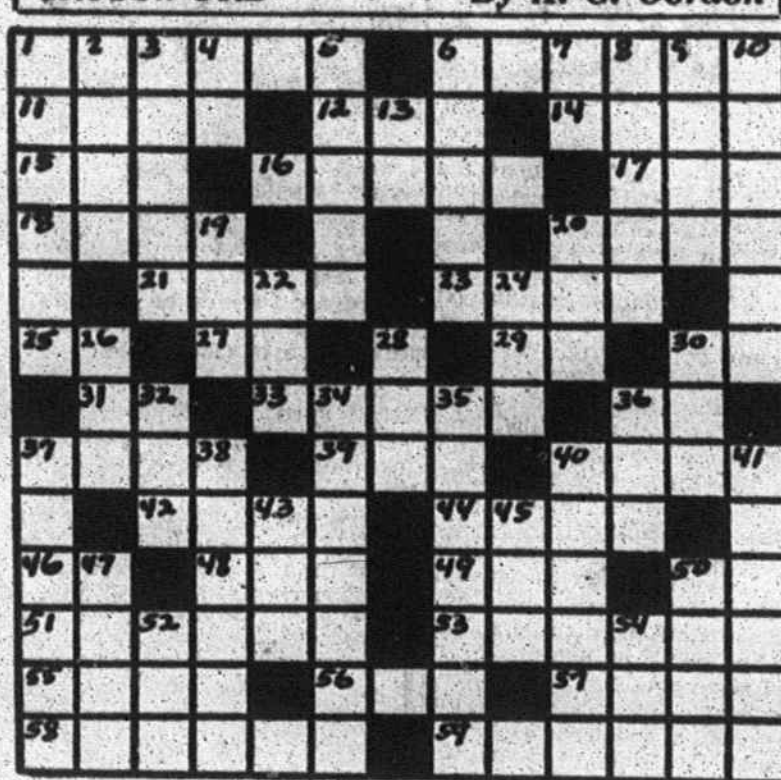
The ticket punchings of some of the group indicated possible derailment, however. As with the majority of college boys and girls, pranks and stunts held an uppermost place in their minds, and John Cheshire confessed that a recent donation to the college was a payment, in a measure, for some coal he "borrowed" from the gymnasium pile while an undergraduate.

I would like to tell Marriott Phifer's "Wild Man" experiences, but that is one of those tales which, like some of the rituals in fraternal orders, are permitted to be told only by persons by age and/or scholastic accomplishment above the status of beginning freshmen at Erskine. But it's a mighty good tale; ask him about it.

Among other matters settled in the pro-dinner high level talks, as the diplomats and headline writers label them, was an argument I've been having with the lady of the house, who, at times, has taken exception to certain remarks made here about the nefarious activities of women in capturing husbands. My lady had made the rash statement, after denying fully the charges, that, after all, there were six women to every man anyhow. The other ladies helped me out somewhat by placing the globe's woman-

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- 1—To talk persuasively
- 6—Refer
- 11—Furthermore
- 12—Lacinate
- 14—Holding a position at the apex
- 15—To make a kind of lace
- 16—Gives forth
- 17—Theological Education Society (abbrev.)
- 18—Girl's name
- 20—Man of the hour
- 21—To consume in a lit-crazy way
- 23—To raise
- 24—Negative
- 27—Prefix denoting
- 29—Printer's measure
- 30—Basis
- 31—U.S. southern state (abbrev.)
- 33—Raster
- 34—Sister
- 37—Destitute of natural covering

Generalities

- 39—Knock
- 40—Harvest
- 42—Nobleman
- 44—Debtor
- 46—Public transportation (abbrev.)
- 48—Change for admission
- 49—Colloquial for a policeman
- 50—Chemical symbol for manganese
- 51—Scuffers
- 52—Field station
- 55—Always
- 56—Beverage
- 57—Observe
- 58—Becomes aware of
- 59—Literary conversation
- 8—Speak
- 9—Performer
- 10—Kind of salt (poss.)
- 13—Roman numeral
- 19—British
- 20—Cut of meat
- 21—Combining form for "air"
- 24—Poetical "always"
- 26—
- 28—Girl's name
- 30—Man's name
- 32—High mountain
- 34—Detains
- 35—Pertaining to a big event
- 36—Posts "above"
- 37—Water vessels
- 38—Postpones
- 40—To be contrite
- 41—To weigh mentally
- 43—At all times (post.)
- 45—Borrow
- 47—To cleave
- 50—Apportion
- 52—Man's name
- 54—Small mark

DOWN

- 1—Provision allowances
- 2—Dish
- 3—Flower
- 4—Thus
- 5—Wanders
- 6—Change
- 7—Musical note

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THEY BUILT, TOO

(STATE MAGAZINE)

Trouble with old newspaper people is that they think everything has been written, and trouble with the fledgling is that he thinks nothing has been written. It is not uncommon for THE STATE to get manuscripts from writers, beginning their careers, who complain irritablely that the vast wealth of material on North Carolina has never been considered for publication. Quite frequently they enclose manuscripts on subjects which have been covered by newspapers in the state for generations.

This musing is prompted by some of the astonishment you hear about the fine new resort accommodations going up around North Carolina. The fact is that with very few, if any, exceptions, the era of "great" resort hotels was over in North Carolina before this generation was ever born. We cannot recollect at the moment anything new which would touch in luxury, or at least in pretensions to splendor, such old places as Grove Park, May-view Manor or Piedmont's Carolina.

Even before these appeared on the scene, North Carolina had a great day in the tourist business. Mitchell County never saw before, and will never see again, anything like the great Cloudland Hotel which perched high on Roan Mountain until about 1906, when it was abandoned. They say this hotel had 268 rooms, spacious lobbies and verandas, and huge fireplaces. Wealthy folks from all over America came to the Roan and stayed, not overnight and not for a week, but for weeks and months on end.

Some of our readers may have turned off 64 and gone back to look in amazement at the great bulk of what was once Toxaway Hotel, a place of 500 rooms, and even in its dilapidation, plainly showing that it was once a place of luxury and quality. There were others, some of them on a reduced scale, but all of them equaling in their day and, according to the background of the tastes of that generation, anything which we have in this state now.

Take a look at the old Balsam Hotel, at Fairfield Inn, and many more which are reminders that our grandfathers were plungers, too, and were perhaps bolder in their optimism than the motor court tycoons of 1952.

Government tests show that a home sheathed with plywood is twice as strong and rigid as a house sheathed with diagonal boards.

to-man ratio at about 1.5 to 1. But when I pointed out that the Bethware graduating class which received diplomas Monday night included about twice as many chaps as lassies, I received this knowledgeable feminine reply, "Oh, but many of the girls get married when they reach the tenth grade."

Amen.

HOW FRANCE LOST

(DUNN DAILY RECORD)

Many a war has been called "the war of lost opportunities," but a good case could be made out for applying this title particularly to World War II. A surprising revelation has just been made by Gen. Siegfried Westphal, Chief of Staff for Rommel in North Africa, Kesselring in Italy and Rundstedt, the ablest of the German generals, in France. In his new book, "The German Army in the West," Westphal discloses that the French army, which collapsed early in the war, could have won almost before the conflict started.

For several months the French and German armies remained almost motionless, the French behind the Maginot line, the Germans behind the West Wall, both supposedly impregnable. Neither barrier lived up to its reputation. According to Westphal, if the French had attacked the West Wall when the war started and the main German forces were tied up in the Polish campaign, they could have reached the Rhine in two weeks, and completely demoralized the German plan.

Why did they not move? Partly because they were inadequately equipped, partly because their commander-in-chief, Gen. Baurice Gamelin, was decorative and resourceful when it was a question of alibi, but completely lacking in drive. A Gen. Patton at the head of the French army could have broken through the over-praised West Wall, and perhaps forced Germany to settle for peace.

Instead, Gamelin waited for Germany to make a move. When she did, the vaunted French forces offered resistance only here and there. France was conquered, and regained independence only through the efforts of her allies.

Farmer cost of living in 1952 will be at least as high in 1951. The purchasing power of farmers' net income probably will be lower than in any year of the last decade except 1950.

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Mrs. Saunders' Funeral Held

Funeral services for Mrs. T. L. Saunders, of Kannapolis, were held Saturday morning at Stanley Methodist church, with the Rev. T. B. Honeycutt conducting, assisted by Rev. Rufus Cuthbertson.

Mrs. Saunders was a former Kings Mountain citizen and well-known here.

Burial was in Stanley cemetery.

A former resident of Stanley, Mrs. Saunders, 74, died Thursday night in a Cabarrus county hospital, following a heart attack. She had been making her home in Kannapolis with her daughter, Mrs. C. P. McKinley, for the past

two years.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gaston, member of the family for whom Gaston county was named, Mrs. Saunders was the widow of T. L. Saunders, who died six years ago. She was a member of Stanley Methodist church.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. McKinley are six sons, R. L. Saunders, Rockingham, W. P. Saunders, Southern Pines, L. A. Saunders, Stanley, C. E. Saunders, Dallas, Tex., T. J. Saunders, South Boston, Va., and A. V. Saunders, Burlington; four sisters, Mrs. Cora Kirksey and Mrs. C. L. Spargo, of River Bend, Mrs. Betty Murphy, Miami, Fla., and Mrs. B. L. Bumgardner, of Shelby; and two brothers, Lester Gaston and John Gaston, both of Stanley. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



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