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## TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalm 34:7.

## Fall Business

Almost all the business analysts, which include a multiplicity of professional economists, self-styled experts and others, are predicting that the level of business will be good through the remainder of 1952.

They reason that government spending for armaments and other large outlays, stunted, hand-to-mouth purchasing by civilian business during the past 12 to 15 months, and good farm prospects will contribute to a prosperous half-year.

With the outbreak of the Korean fighting, the nation went on a buying binge, both at consumer and wholesale level. The results were that many a consumer had difficulty meeting his overloaded credit payment schedule and that many a wholesaler virtually "choked" on his bulging inventory. These situations have now changed materially.

Locally, the big key to business is orders for textiles, a feast or famine industry, which has not been eating very high on the hog for the past 15 months. Generally, the tenor in textiles is optimistic for fall business. There are many more inquiries than orders, as yet, but most feel that orders will be following the inquiries. Prices have firmed somewhat and that is a prelude of better things to come in the textile trade.

Farmers are hopeful of a good cotton crop, following a better-than-sometimes wheat crop, and the prediction among the state's dairying experts is that milk production in the fall will be insufficient to meet demand.

Most of the business analysts hedge their predictions of improved business, but the general tone of optimism cannot be mistaken.

## Rev. Mr. Crow

The pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist church has received a high honor in being selected as the state's "Rural Minister of the Year for 1952."

Perhaps even more important, the members of his church here and at the Mt. Sinai church which he also serves, are quite confident that the honor and recognition conveyed by the Progressive Farmer is fully justified.

Mr. Crow's service to rural churches, both in rural church-building and in obtaining unusual results under the "Lord's Acre" plan won him the award. Kings Mountain and the county join his congregations in conveying commendations to him.

A best bow to the 20 youngsters named to the city's Little League All-Star team and our best wishes for their success in the district elimination play. Little League baseball is a worthy addition to the community's summer recreation program and much praise is due to the men who are devoting their time to the advancement of this program. Not only do the youngsters have a good time, they are learning both baseball prowess and the several intangibles of cooperation, sportsmanship, and ambition, which the program provides.

Announcement of the appointment of the Merchants Association Christmas promotion committee reminds that association affairs are being handled in a manner befitting the purposes of the association. Merchants not now members of the association would benefit themselves by purchasing a membership, which is quite reasonable.

Hearty congratulations to C. P. Goforth on his receiving the Woodmen of the World 50-year-member award.

## Audit Argument

Two related matters are before the board of city commissioners and there is wide difference of opinion among board members concerning them. One matter is: Who will audit the city's books. The other is: What constitutes a quorum at city board of commissioner meetings.

It will be sufficient to say that the Herald regards the audit made last year by Ernst & Ernst, the Winston-Salem firm, a thorough one and of the type desired on the part of both city employees responsible for handling the monies collected, and on the part of city taxpayers who want to be sure their monies are being legally (and properly) spent. The big difference in the audit of last year and the audits of previous years was that the Ernst & Ernst firm made some strong recommendations for tightening of bookkeeping procedures. This was to be desired.

But the Herald has employed the Emery firm for the past seven years and regards it as quite reliable.

The quorum argument is not an easy one to settle. Opinion is a matter of politics. Some hold that the 1943 charter amendment, providing that the mayor and two board members constitute a quorum, is still valid. Others hold that the 1947 charter change, adding an elected mayor as presiding officer and stating that he could vote in case of ties, automatically invalidates the 1943 amendment. City Attorney J. R. Davis, who holds the latter opinion, tells the Herald that the only final settlement would be a ruling by the North Carolina Supreme Court, a legal procedure which would probably require two years to complete.

No law has ever been perfectly drawn, for foresight cannot compare for accuracy with hindsight.

Generally speaking, laws setting up political systems are carved to benefit the carvers. Sometimes the carver is replaced, or the meat is tough and a different knife is needed.

The argument is basically political and underlines the basic split in the city board of commissioners, which is not pleasant, either for the several members, or for the citizens of the community, some of whom say they're embarrassed by the recurrent intra-board carterwauling.

But one commissioner may be correct when he contends that too much smooth sailing and too many unanimous votes are indicative of questionable practices, hardly beneficial to the average taxpayer.

The old saying is that "nothing is sure except death and taxes". When something is sure, the smart, sensible course is to prepare for it. Thus it is that congratulations are in order for the large number of city taxpayers who, knowing tax bills were coming, got their affairs in order and paid their bills in advance, thereby qualifying for the legal discount. A lot of people figure the two percent discount doesn't amount to much, and perhaps it doesn't. But there is a wide difference between a discounted tax bill and one carrying a five to six percent penalty. Wise people reason there's no use paying out more tax dollars than is absolutely required.

Some money in hand, some more needed, for the Lottie Goforth Portrait Fund. Mail a check, or hand some cash, to Dr. O. P. Lewis for this worthy purpose.

The sudden death of W. A. Small removed from the community a man liked and respected by all who knew him. The Herald knew him as a good neighbor of friendly disposition.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

## July Pick-Ups

It's about this time of each year that I begin to look with envy on the school-teaching business as a wonderful way in which to earn a living. Just think: three whole months of vacation in the hot days of the year when work is one of the meanest words in the world.

I-P-U  
But I never think of that thought long before mentioning it, and when that happens there's always some teacher or ex-teacher nearby to remind that a vacation without pay is not the most desirable kind. A quick and concurrent review of my ordinary difficulties in visiting the banker on the "due date" shows that the school-teaching profession and its three-month non-paid holiday just wouldn't work at all for the medicinal department.

I-P-U  
However, I am sure that holidays are wonderful though it has been some considerable time since I have enjoyed anything resembling as much as a week's worth. It's generally true in the newspaper profession. I note in a visiting gazette that the editor is getting his first vacation in exactly one dozen years. This note has plenty of interest in it. Not counting a just-hitched trip of four years (one leap year quadrennium) ago, and assuming that a dozen years is proper for newspaper folk, I have four to go, having enjoyed my last one in the autumn of 1944. If the wedding trip has to count, it's eight more years.

I-P-U  
Of course, the Herald was officially closed last weekend, but not the medicinal department. It was regular schedule for it.

I-P-U  
But work never hurt anyone, some people say, and I suppose that's correct, too. To turn it around, some folk won't allow work to hurt 'em. Somebody should make a check to see which live the longest the hard-working or dilatory models. I suppose the insurance statisticians have, though I have not heard of any premium differentials between them.

I-P-U  
But speaking of holidays and holiday trips, there's nothing nicer than the fact of arriving back home again, whether it be on the job or by the electric fan at home.

I-P-U  
Next summer should be a banner season for sales of home air-conditioning units, if the weather man cooperates in any degree as he has during the past season or two. Some scientist doped out long ago that the globe is moving southward and getting Piedmont Carolina nearer and nearer to the Equator. He could be right: In the past two or three seasons the weather situation, summer-wise seems to have changed considerably. Once upon a time, if memory serves correctly, this area never had more than three days of "hot spell". A cooling rain would run off the heat and mid-day heat would be replaced by evening coolness. But not for the past three summers. The heat has just come and stayed, like some husbands' mothers-in-law.

I-P-U  
One appliance dealer remarked the other day that he was a bit leery of air-conditioning as yet, with the comment that only those buying the space coolers were cash-on-the-barrelhead purchasers and, in addition, had "wholesale" connections. But my reply was that it was the same way with television, electric refrigerators and washing machines. Now look. The simple medium of ten bucks down and a couple a week has filled the homes of the nation with a multitude of wonderful devices. Why not hot weather comfort, too?

I-P-U  
It was then-Candidate Herbert Hoover, back in the 1928 presidential campaign, who promised two chickens in every pot and a car in every garage. The only thing wrong with the Hoover statements was the matter of timing. There was a considerable dry-spell of Hoover dust (Golden Grain smoking tobacco) and Hoover-carts (two-wheeled motorless carriages moved by the old plug mule rather than gas) before the golden era arrived. Now it's a deepfreeze full of chickens and two cars in every garage. When Amos Dean opened his Buick agency here, there was some comment that Kings Mountain was too small for a "large" car agency. It hasn't proved out that way, though Amos hasn't sold all the people who once drove Buicks. The former Buick fanciers are driving Cadillac, the former Ford-Chevy-Plymouth folk are driving Buicks, and those who once moved by foot-power have en-

## Lucky You

by Dick Shaw



Lucky you—your children played in the streets and lived to play again

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### "REST BEGINS AT FORTY"

THE LINCOLN TIMES

A new book appears in the shops with a well-timed message for the old boys who, having left their fortieth year behind, are inclined to boast that they are "just as good as they used to be," and would demonstrate the claim by going in for activities better suited to those of younger years.

It is written by a physician who takes the view that even in these days of scouting the passage of time, one must cross the threshold of a period when it is best to admit the fact: One is older than he used to be, and he can't do all the things he used to do. It is the writer's view, to be shared by thousands who speak from personal experience, that "after 40" may be the best time of life—that with the knowledge and understanding gained in former years it may be literally crowded with cultural material satisfactions never before enjoyed. Life may indeed, as is expressed in the title of another and much read book, "begin at 40."

Yet there are those who, choosing to ignore the mileposts of life, go on with a strenuous program in which there may be elements of danger. One particular point is that the man capable of doing his work successfully beyond the turn of the road probably doesn't need to supplement it with a regiment of strenuous "extra-curricular" activities. His daily work may give him enough to do without his going in for tough physical exercise, and for sports no longer compatible with his years.

The message is one to be thoughtfully received by persons who, at any age, would keep within the bounds of reason. "Rest Begins at Forty"—the title means only a little less friskiness and a little more leisurely enjoyment between the hours on the job.

A yield of more than 500 bushels of Arlington oats from five acres was made this season by Ben C. Brackett, Route 1, Morganton, according to H. M. Speas, Burke County farm agent.

tered the auto market. At the current rate, all the principal highways, a decade or two hence, will have to be minimum four-lane models to handle the situation.

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Mass production cuts price and this season's run on air-conditioning units should be a starter toward lower-priced summer comfort.

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## What is the best way to KILL BOLLWORM?

Close rival to the weevil as a destroyer of cotton, the bollworm has always been more difficult to control.

The mature bollworm in the illustration has been feeding inside the boll for several days. During this time the boll itself offers the protection that makes it extremely difficult to get a high kill with insecticides. For this reason, proper timing of insecticide application is essential: Early bollworm infestations must be treated as soon as worms are found; later broods should be treated within a day or two after hatching and while young worms are still feeding outside the boll. A good measure for this is when 4 to 5 small worms (or 10 to 15 eggs) are counted on 100 terminals.

As the bollworm season approaches, every cotton grower wants to know "What's the best insecticide?" Actually, no one chemical so far tried will provide top control of bollworm. But field tests in widely separated areas prove that certain combinations of chemicals (chlorinated hydrocarbons) do give effective control. At the same time, these mixtures kill almost all other insects that destroy cotton.

sects that destroy cotton.

A mixture of dieldrin and DDT, for example, is one of the most deadly bollworm killers of all... more lethal than either insecticide alone. Used as a dust or a spray, the combination provides excellent control with relatively small dosages. The same dust or spray gets the boll weevil, fleahopper, tarnished and rapid planting, grasshoppers and a host of other pests.

Where large areas of cotton must be protected from bollworm damage, and low cost is a primary consideration, aldrin-DDT mixtures provide profitable control at the lowest cost per acre.

Whichever combination is used, the timing and form of application (dust or spray) should follow the practice proved best in the area.

Your insecticide dealer can supply either dieldrin-DDT or aldrin-DDT in suitable formulations for your cotton program. Further information can be obtained by writing to Shell Chemical Corporation, P. O. Box 2099, Houston, Texas, or 808 William-Oliver Building, Atlanta 1, Ga.

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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.

The registration dates for the Permanent Gasoline Rationing program are set for July 9, 10 and 11, with effective date of rationing to be July 22, 1942.

Following a formal opening by DAR officers of the Kings Mountain Battleground section, the museum at the Military Park has been thrown open to the public and is now open for several days in the week.

### Social and Personal

Mrs. B. H. Hatfield, Hoppe Houston, and Eugene Neisler, Jr., arrived in San Diego, Calif., last Friday where they were to deliver a car to Mrs. R. C. Etheridge.  
For the first time in a number of years, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mauney had the entire family of children and grandchildren together for a Sunday dinner at Lake Montona.

Miss Louise Flowe, of Greensboro, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Peeler during the past weekend.  
Harold C. Cloninger, U. S. Navy stationed at Southport, spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cloninger.  
Mrs. Bonnie W. Corey and Miss Billie Wells have returned to their home in Washington, D. C., after spending a week with Mrs. A. L. Wells.