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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. Proverbs 20:17.

Tax Rate Down

The city board of commissioners did some whittling and changing around last week, adopted a record-high city budget, yet chopped the tax rate by 10 cents on the \$100 valuation in finally setting the rate at \$1.70.

The tax saving for the city's taxpayers is not a great one, amounting to about \$6,500, but in a day when the only trend of tax rates has been upward, most citizens will applaud the action. It is the first slash in city tax rates in several years.

Question immediately follows as to whether the city will be able to "come out" on its estimated figures and conduct a year's business in the black.

With anything like tight operation, it should, for there is about \$12,000 surplus from the previous year's operation, according to the city clerk's figures, that was not figured into the new budget.

It is unfortunate that the city board did not determine that it could cut the tax rate earlier, from the bookkeeping standpoint. Tax Supervisor Clarence Carpenter had just completed his work in figuring tax bills at the tentatively-set rate of \$1.80. The double-check had balanced and the books were in good shape. The action of the board means that the tax supervisor has to start work all over again. In addition, extra work is, placed on the clerk's office, for refund checks must be mailed to citizens who have pre-paid their 1952 tax bills.

At the same time, it will be hard to find any taxpayer who objects to receiving a refund check, or who will object to a smaller bill when he does pay it.

Similar concentration by other agencies of government should also be able to result in some shaving of other tax rates.

Poor Accommodations

The Cleveland County grand jury recommended last week that the Superior Court condemn the City Jail for further occupancy until certain improvements to the accommodations were made. The judge, however, gave the city a stay of judgment, by his failure to act on the recommendation.

For several months the city has been aware of its needs in this department and noted it further by placing in the budget a \$3,000 fund for improvements to the jail.

Some doubt that this is sufficient to improve the problem, since much of the problem is in the plumbing department. It is assumed that whatever necessary budget-switching is necessary will be done to get the jail in passable condition.

Back in the middle ages, there was no such institution as a decent jail of any kind, but thinking has advanced to require that certain basic necessities be furnished all human beings, regardless of their misdemeanors.

The city's accommodations for prisoners should be improved to comply with the sanitation laws.

It's reunion season. August is the month that crops are laid by and the farmer members of the various families have time for a bit of relaxation before the harvest season. There's nothing like a reunion to enhance the knowledge of the individual about his kinkfolk. Families which don't have reunions should.

Hearty congratulations to the members of the Kings Mountain National Guard unit on their fine showing at Fort McClellan in the annual summer encampment. The guard company came home with the highest rating attainable in a difficult field test.

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 local Draft Board has received the largest call yet for August, which is for 85 white men, who are scheduled to depart on the 28th.

Social and Personal
Mrs. J. O. Plonk was hostess to the Thursday Afternoon Book Club at her home on Gold Street last week.

Mrs. Glenn White was luncheon hostess at her home last Sunday at 1:30 o'clock honoring her daughter, Miss Doris White on her birthday anniversary.

Paul Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker, is a fast man when it comes to getting promoted in the U. S. Army. Walker entered the army on March 17th and in less than two months was promoted to sergeant and in two months more was again promoted to staff sergeant.

Robert H. Payne left Monday for selective service.

Bill Thomson, who is stationed at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N. Y., has been promoted to First Lieutenant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Tom Fulton and E. C. McClain attended the furniture show in High Point last week.

Miss Rosalee Polk of Rockingham was a recent visitor in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Hume S. Houston and Miss Nancy Suber are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cranford at Ocean Drive.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

The DuPont Story

The death last week of Lamont DuPont reminded, if it was necessary, that this department had recently received a handsome quarto-size book from Harold Brayman, director of DuPont, but of America department entitled "DU-POINT The Autobiography of an American Enterprise".

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It is a very excellent book to add to any library, and relates in its beautifully printed 138 pages the great story, not only of DuPont, but of American and its growth from a struggling weak confederation of colonies, to its 1952 status as producer for the world.

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The book was published by DuPont to commemorate the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the founding of the company on the banks of the Brandywine River in Delaware in 1802. The founders were refugees from the unstable political tyranny then rampant in France, where, literally, it was quite possible to be a court favorite one day, and a marcher toward the guillotine the next. It worked both ways. A friend of the king of France could find himself in disfavor, or an anti-monarchist could quickly gain the enmity of his comrades. Unfortunately for France, the situation, over 150 years, has not yet stabilized. While the guillotine is relegated to the museums, the warring political factions still prevent stability and consequent continuity of action.

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But this story is about DuPont and about America, of added interest to this area now because DuPont is a near-neighbor to the South at the now-a-building H-bomb plant and DuPont, in turn, is already an employer of a number of Kings Mountain people.

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The concurrent story of America-DuPont over the years is multitudinous in interesting detail, both historical and current. The story of DuPont is, first, the story of gunpowder, at the time of the founding of the company in 1802 a great American necessity. There were Indians to fight on the nearby frontiers, game to kill for food and clothing, forests to clear for planting lands.

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DuPont not only represents smokeless powder, one of its first big inventive accomplishments, it represents cellophane (1927) which wraps many of the foods we eat every day. It represents household cement, the modern lacquers which grace your automobile, plastics, rayon, which eliminated the American woman's dependence on the Japanese silk, and for the wonderful 1938 invention, nylon. How could a woman live without nylon? She once did, of course. Before the stiff collar went into limbo, DuPont helped out with a washable celluloid job.

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The book gives almost as much attention to the other developments of the nation, as it does to DuPont and its accomplishments.

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Underlying theme of the work, which is credited to no one author but to many, is the success wrought by the cooperation between the working man and enlightened management. In early 1800, the making of gunpowder was even more dangerous than it is today. It was not unusual for a plant to blow with resultant loss of life and limb. DuPont had explosions. What is believed to be one of the earliest pension funds was the DuPont "widows and orphans" account of 1819. Though the company at that time was heavily in debt, DuPont pensioned the widows and gave them houses in which to live. Throughout the book, stories from records recount the names of men who started with the company at ground-floor level, to rise later to top positions of management and responsibility.

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If the book points up any particular moral, it seems to be this: men of vision, energy and courage can always conquer greater fields. DuPont, from its humble beginnings on the banks of the Brandywine, has been blessed with men of vision and nerve. Underlying the operations of this company has always been a daring that refused to relax and stagnate in the accomplishments of the past, a synonym for self-satisfaction. Always, DuPont has pushed ahead. Investments were made in research that did not work out. But always DuPont was willing to try again. Had it not been for this policy, the company would not have grown to the great firm it is. It still expects to grow and to cut out

Lucky You

by Dick Shaw



Lucky you—you won that argument without losing your life

Viewpoints of Other Editors

AVERT SUICIDE IN SOUTH

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

The Democratic National Convention showed sound judgment in selecting a ticket that has a good chance to win. From the standpoint of practical politics, Stevenson is almost the only candidate who could have been chosen without throwing the election away.

Senator Sparkman was also as good a choice as could be had for vice president. His record on civil rights is, from the southern viewpoint, impeccable, and it was probably to mollify the South on this subject that he was selected. In economic matters he is to the left of Byrd, and in foreign affairs a little too uncritical of the Truman policies, but a more conservative man would not have been acceptable to the northern wing of the party.

Our preference throughout has been Russell, because we consider him head and shoulders above the rest and a well balanced middle-of-the-roader compared with some others who might have been nominated. We were, however, fully conscious of the practical obstacles in the way of his nomination and knew that only a political miracle could make him the party's candidate. We were resigned, therefore, to the obvious: that somebody else would have to carry the Democratic standard.

We are happy, therefore, that the convention showed such good judgment as to select the man whom we consider next best after Russell. It could have done very much worse.

The Democrats now have a ticket that can give some real opposition to the strong Republican slate of Eisenhower and Nixon. Stevenson, by not campaigning for the nomination, by not asking for the support of any delegation—even that of his own state—by insisting that he was not a candidate until the nomination was actually handed to him—by this dignified conduct he has done everything a man could do to avoid going into the campaign with the Truman brand on his forehead.

Truman did indicate his approval of Stevenson, but he did it not at the request of the Illinois governor, but as a practical politician who has learned to roll with the punches, to recognize a wave of popular sentiment when he sees one, and to ride it out. We hope, therefore, that the Truman brand cannot be made to stick on Mr. Stevenson.

Everyone who has read this page knows how we feel about Truman. We have expressed disgust at his whole record, at his demagoguery, at his cheap and dishonest politics, and at his unholy alliances for political advantage with left wingers, out-and-out Socialists, and corrupt city and state machines. We did not want the South to be an accomplice, before or after the fact, of putting this gang of self-serving opportunists again in control of the country.

For that reason we think the development of a two-party system in the South would be the most healthful improvement in American politics. If that is to be achieved, the Democratic party must not be allowed to commit suicide in the South. With the A. D. A., the CIO, and other left-wingers temporarily in control at Chicago, it was about to do just that. Fortunately, wiser heads prevailed.

Even so, the convention could have nominated a candidate who new highways in the world of commercial invention.

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Almost everyone would be thrilled by the story of America-DuPont, recounted by word and picture, in this autobiography of American enterprise.

W. D. GAVE US SLACKS

STATE MAGAZINE

Tens of millions of unappreciative Americans today are lolling around in comfortable slacks, shorts and sport shirts when they might well be burning down in peg-legged pants and shirts with ties, and possibly even coats.

It hasn't been so long ago, you know, since the average American took up the wearing of sensible summer garb. At first, only a few cranks would wear such stuff, and then only at some show-off place. Then a few brave souls ventured out into the neighborhood. Some even crept shamefacedly to office like this, and now you know how universal the sport-clothes habit has become.

We like to think that the man who really started the flight from hot clothes was W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City.

Back in the 20's, when W. O. was the darling of the Young Turks, we applauded his tilts with itinerant evangelists, conservative politicians, and Victorian moralists. But nobody much was proud of this editor when he paraded down New York's Broadway in his pajamas to protest against uncomfortable summer clothes. And when he said men were crazy not to wear light, loose-fitting suits, his admirers were embarrassed. They gnawed their fingernails, hoping W. O. would cut out his childishness and settle back down to some solid crusading.

But, sitting in your comfortable and pretty orchid slacks, how much of W. O.'s iconoclasm can you recall today?

Let foreigners deny that this brilliant Pasquotanker gave us summer slacks. It's too hot in North Carolina today to argue with ignorant people.

could have ruined the party in this section, for some of the men before it who had large followings are anathema to everything the South stands for. By nominating Stevenson, the delegates averted that catastrophe.

Stevenson's record in public office is too short to form an objective opinion. He has been in and out of the New Deal, though not unreservedly of it. Some people in Illinois think he would have done better to be nominated out of that state, because he has not cleaned up some things there as thoroughly as some reports indicate.

We must, therefore, reserve final judgment on him. But, all in all, the convention did as well as its best friends could wish.

Jaycees Support Battle Drama

At the last Jaycee meeting held at Masonic Hall, July 15th the group voted to go on record as wholeheartedly supporting the Little Theatre production, *Sword of Gideon*. The action came after an appeal by Jaycee Bruce Thorburn for additional actors for non-speaking parts in the drama.

Jack White, projects committee chairman, reported on the beauty pageant and the calendar project.

Miss Barbara Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene

Matthews, will represent the city in the state beauty event, he said. The group voted to speed up the calendar project by providing that the three losing teams, the winners at a fish fry. Deadline for the project is November 1. Citizens may have their names printed on the community calendars on their birth dates, with prizes to be given by many merchants purchasing advertising space.

Vice President Paul Walker welcomed Bob Ledbetter as a new member.

President Joe Hedden presided and some 33 members were present.

...But only Time will Tell.....

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