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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you, Ephesians 2:3-2.

Utopia Arrived?

The city board of commissioners finally succumbed last week to a small though highly vocal minority of its power customers last week and put the knife to future power billings for each and every customer.

The parings will be effective with November 1 billings and it is estimated that the city's revenue for the remainder of the fiscal year will suffer by about \$23,000.

The Herald has noted two principal reactions to the rate slashes: 1 (Joy from the minority which though itself penalized, 2) wonder from some businessmen as to how the board expects to get by the remainder of the year without showing a deficit on its record-high anticipated spending.

Generally, the outward reaction to the parings is favorable, for who can be angry at a lowered bill of any kind?

This does not apply to those who prefer that the city keep its income from property taxes low and its "profit" from power sales high.

With tight operation, the city should get by without showing a deficit this fiscal year by the medium of making up the difference with some of the \$85,000 surplus carry-over shown at the end of the recent fiscal year. This amount was not included in the budget adopted by the board. Unless city spending is rather sharply curtailed, however, most of that surplus will likely be eaten up, for the budget is predicated on the collection of \$27,000 in street assessments owed the city. The board voted the other night to advertise all assessments, back to 1942, and, if the resolution is implemented, some of the assessments will be paid during the fiscal year. But some assessments will not be paid promptly, the property owners electing to pay the additional interest charges for the privilege of delaying payment.

But, in Kings Mountain, the politician's Utopia, that dreamland of perfection, has seemingly arrived, at least temporarily. We have on one hand record spending, always pleasing to those needing services, while on the other hand we have a lowered tax rate plus lowered power bills, the two principal sources of city revenue.

The honeymoon created by this seeming paradox of more spending on less revenue may well be short-lived, but all are prepared to enjoy it while it lasts.

The dead car dragged out on Senator Nixon, the GOP vice-presidential nominee, concerning his private political organization indicates that the campaign in the white hot last-minute days is going to get pretty rough and muddy. The silliest statement in the whole business was that of the operator of the Nixon "association," who said not one single favor had been asked of Senator Nixon by any of the contributors. In that event, the favors must have been done without specific request.

If you haven't yet seen "The Sword of Gideon" make your plans for this week-end or next. The production is well-worth seeing and much above the level of the average amateur production. Only two weekends remain.

The county fair now being past, folk can get back to the business at hand of making the weekly payment on the washing machine or electric stove, thereby going further along the road toward a clear title to the appliance.

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.

Supt. of Mountain Rest Cemetery, Sam Suber, has been beautifying the grounds and opening up new lots. A new area has been cleaned off and some of the most desirable lots in the cemetery are now available.

The second sheet, A-2, gasoline ration tickets in the basic A ration books are now good and can be used during the next 60 days between Sept. 22nd and Nov. 22nd.

Social and Personal

Miss Salena Parton was the inspiration for a lovely surprise birthday party given at her home on East King Street last Wednesday night with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lynwood Parton, as hostess.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Norman returned Monday night from New Orleans, La., where they had a two weeks stay while Dr. Norman attended the Eye Clinic in the hospital at that place.

Mrs. Don Olive and small son, Jerry, of Florida, are here for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Olive and will also visit Mrs. Olive's parents in Charlotte. Mr. Don Olive, who has been in the Coast Guard Service on the Florida coast is to be transferred to some other branch of service in Virginia.

Mrs. I. V. Lowder of Norwood is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Herman Fisher.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

Rifles And Roads

Nine months shot in 1952, and just three more to go before new calendar time.

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Speaking of being "shot" reminds that Dr. Bob Baker, the tooth doctor, has done an interesting bit of research lately on impetus supplied by the rifles used by the play-acting soldiers in "The Sword of Gideon".

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Dr. Bob, who could almost be called a curator of things old and odd, was giving some of the stage rifles a once-over and found that all were of vintage variety, with the oldest one discovered an 1806 model Springfield muzzle-loader. That is quite sometime ago, and while it isn't as old as the Ferguson rifle at the museum, it is still kicking around. Of course, it is not in firing condition, but that would be too much to ask.

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Bob says almost all of the rifles are Winchesters, model 1864, which, if the rifles could talk, would reveal much history about the Civil War. It would not be the kind of history which goes into history books, but the personal-interest kind of history. Indubitably, many of the rifles had "cussin'" custodians. Some would relate prayers where the rifleman was, in a tight spot. Too bad rifles aren't parrots.

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Pursuing his research, Bob went to an encyclopedia which turned up more information on the subject, and indicated that the 1800-model was little improved until the turn of the century, when percussion caps became the order of the day in firearms. Bob also learned that a Frenchman, around 1850, received the equivalent of \$100,000 as an award for redesigning the bullet from ball or pellet to the long job that with improvements is still in vogue. The ball was only effective for about 60 yards, a close-range proposition, whereas the new bullet was effective at much longer range.

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This information should engender much more respect for the frontiersmen of early days. It would have been bad to miss Indian, bear, or buffalo at the close range of 60 yards.

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Roads continue in the news, as they will as long as automobiles travel like rifle-shots, which is likely.

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Governor Scott and Governor Nominee Umstead were on hand together last Friday for the dedication of what Scott calls the "football road", connecting Chapel Hill and Durham, these two meccas of fall football gatherings. More than four miles is cut off the distance between the two cities, and it will be a boon to the swarms of people who haunt the stadia on football Saturdays. Only one two-lane strip is yet complete, but grading has been done for the other, which will make it a boulevard, like the new model being done between here and Gastonia.

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Opening of the "football road" reminds that it frequently requires many years to get new roads from an engineering dream to reality. I remember quite distinctly that, during my school days, the proposed Chapel Hill-Durham road furnished a lead story for the college sheet. And that was some several moons and four presidential seasons ago.

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Comparatively, the new Kings Mountain-Gastonia boulevard will be a "quickie" job. But this two-lane addition has already been underway in actual construction for more than two years. It will be a wonderful traffic improvement, provided too many people don't press too hard on the accelerator and others remember to "stop, look and listen" when entering from the sidelines.

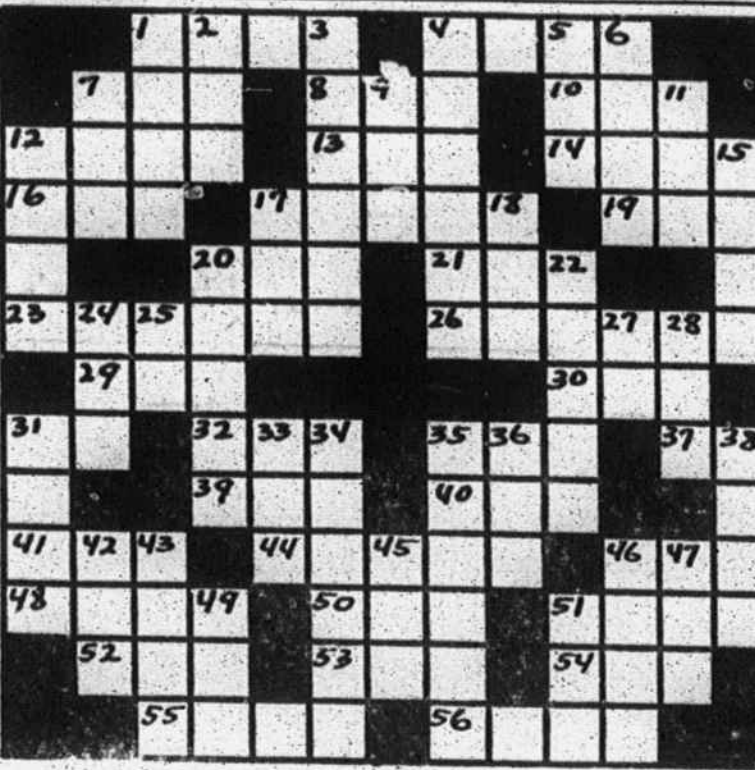
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People traveling Wilkinson boulevard are wondering how long it will be until another road will have to be built to accommodate the heavy traffic on this thoroughfare. The late Dr. J. M. Garrison predicted years ago that, someday, the area between Charlotte-Gastonia-Kings Mountain would be all city, seemingly connected. With the continual addition of buildings along the route, and addition of stoplights, it would appear that the prediction was a correct one, with Wilkinson Boulevard someday to become Charlotte-Kings Mountain Main Street.

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It's a world on wheels.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS
1—Where the heart is
4—Fashions one's own garments
7—Kitchen container
8—Uncooked
10—Goddess of dawn
12—Rhythmic writer
13—Citric concoction
14—Where the latch string should be on the outside
15—A valuable possession
19—It takes at least this to make a quarrel
20—Frozen desert dish
21—Something to cuddle at home
23—Articles of furniture
24—Skiing maneuver
25—Food in Hawaii
30—New grass for the yard
31—Exist
32—Skill with the brush
33—Household pet
37—Printer's measure
39—Bills are "this" on the first of the month
40—Beverage
41—Mole pet
42—Insect pests
46—Fourth Arabian caliph
48—Household winter necessity
50—To alter the hue of clothes
51—By word of mouth
52—Regret
53—Poetical always
54—Decorated the inner man
55—To look at slyly
56—Household resting place
DOWN
1—Worked in the garden
2—New York Giant
3—Eradicates
4—Rids the floor of dirt
5—United, maritally speaking
6—Burned dirt
7—Seed covering
9—Paid notices
11—To activate the garden
12—To send the letter on its way
15—Home compartment
17—Powerful bridge card
18—Means of communication (abbrev.)
20—Homer's masterpiece
22—Experiment with food
24—Mimic
25—Botanical Orders (abbrev.)
27—Behold!
28—Poem
31—Saturday's title
33—Floor covering
34—Favorite kind of beef
35—Fishes food
36—Man's nickname (poss.)
38—Communication medium
42—Above (poet.)
43—Treat roughly
45—Affirmative vote
46—Flat expanse
47—Boy
49—Gulfer's implement
51—Away from

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE STARS LEAN CLOSER

NEW YORK TIMES

The stars lean closer now, with summer's last full moon ten days past and the night sky arched over the hilltops in early darkness. Sun time will soon be ours again and for a little while we shall have an evening; but dusk is short, this time of year, by its time. The Dipper hangs early in the northwest with Cassiopeia's Chair high and beyond the Pole Star to the east, and Cygnus, the Swan, flies almost overhead. Autumn's gleam is already on them all.

In the up-country you feel the threat of frost on clear nights, even as you see it in the stars. But even more clearly you see it before the stars appear, at the long-light time of day just before sunset. Catch a vista of maples in that long light and you see autumn glowing through the leaves. The deep, lush green is gone. The promise of gold and crimson is there among the branches, though as yet it is achieved on only a stray leaf, an impatient limb or an occasional small tree which has not yet learned to time its changes. Or look down a long hillside in that light and you see autumn full-blown for a few minutes, the pre-sunset light bringing out all the gold and russet on the bronzed heads and bronzing stems of the seed-ripe grasses.

Frost is not yet on the stars or the maple leaves, not quite; but first frost is not far away. And the stars lean close in the moonless early night, as though to see the windfall pears beneath the backyard tree, themselves like stars in the grass; as though to gauge the turn of the sumac clumps, and the ripeness of the fox grapes twined in the aspens along the river, and the faint touch of purple on the arrowwood leaves in the lowlands.

Marine Regulations Revision Announced

RALEIGH—The Marine Corps today announced a revision of its recruiting regulations to permit enlistment of married men between the ages of 17 and 31, inclusive in the Marine Corps Reserve, and their immediate assignment to active duty. The new regulation will remain in effect for the remainder of the month, Captain Robert G. Parrish, assistant director of Marine recruiting for the state, said. The number of such category men that may be enlisted in

BETTY WON THE DEBATE

(LEXINGTON DISPATCH)

A fellow named Harry Golden writes and publishes at Charlotte the most unique paper in the Carolinas, called "The Carolina Israelite". Outside of what Editor Golden writes himself, or some of the letters prompted by his observations, the paper is made up of modest size ads with no heavy display lines. They come from all over the State and a few from outside. Golden says forty per cent of his subscribers are non-Jews and it appears that a larger per cent of its advertisers are of the same classification.

His first little editorial of the July issue, just now out, says "America is a place where a fellow can write anything that comes into his head and if it is not obscene or libelous he can put it in a press and print himself a newspaper. This, you cannot do anywhere else in the world."

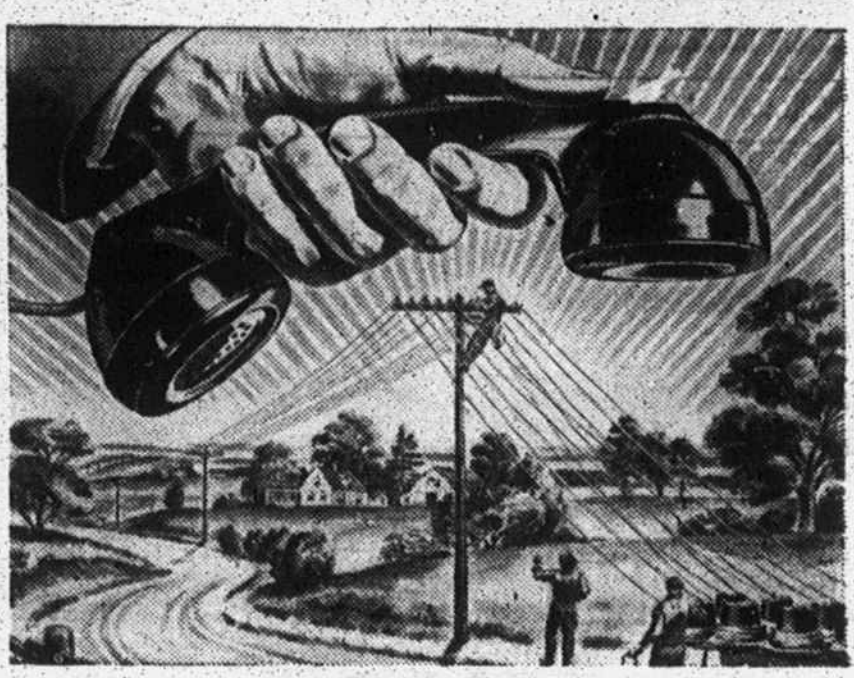
But we stated out to say something about Golden's description of the "debate" between Betty Furness and the Republican orators at Chicago. Betty was on hand for the Democratic conclave, too, but since the "ins" were praising, not "viewing with alarm," there apparently was no conflict between them and the beautiful Betty, "that wonderful Westinghouse Electric girl," as Editor Golden put it.

"Betty Furness won every round," said Golden. "When General MacArthur said the country is going to the dogs, the TV camera switched immediately to Betty Furness who said that now you have a gadget that takes the moisture out of the air, so that when you sit in your living room reading the paper you do not have to worry that the air has any moisture in it. Then when Senator Joe McCarthy came back and said that America is going down the drain of creeping Socialism, Betty came right back and showed a new broiler where you don't have to lift the lid in order to see how the turkey is roasting."

And he concluded that "Betty Furness was in there punching all the time, on top of which, she was certainly better to look at, too."

North Carolina is now unlimited, the captain said. Previously, no vacancies existed for enlistment of men in this category. For further information see the Marine Recruiting Sergeant who is in room no. 25 Gastonia Post Office Monday through Thursday from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

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