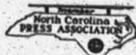




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8.

New Tax Policy

It is hard to say which of two allied factors had more effect on the recent election the inference of promised tax cuts held out by the Republican party, or the fact that just about everyone has become a taxpayer in the past ten years, or both.

At any rate, speculation is already rife on what kind of tax policy the Republican - controlled Congress, which convenes in January, will adopt, and questions are being put by newsmen to key Congressmen who will have most to say about tax policy.

Last weekend, Representative Joe Martin, of Massachusetts, who is scheduled to take over as speaker of the House again, did some talking on the subject with the sum total of his remarks being "maybe", though he did hold out some prospect for tax relief.

Under present tax laws, the excess profits tax on corporations, is due to expire at mid-1953, while the tax laws relating to individual returns will be in force throughout 1953.

It reminds that the tax policy is set by Congress. The President can help or hinder by his recommendations and by cracking whatever whip of power he might have at his disposal but, finally, Congress does the enacting. In North Carolina, a joint committee handles both appropriating and taxing, not a bad combination, for the arrangement has a tendency to put a brake on appropriations. The federal Congress doesn't operate that way.

Actually, few are holding out much hope for quick tax relief. Though there was much campaign talk about pruning the waste in the military establishment and other spots. Deeds are always more difficult than conversation. But it will be remembered that Senator Byrd, of Virginia, had a plan last year to pare ten billions of what he called "fat" out of the budget. The Byrd claim was that no essential federal service or function would be impaired.

If the claim is correct, it's the kind of budget-cutting the nation is most interested in and which all would like to see. For budget-paring comes first before tax-cutting, the latter a legislative policy which is always most popular, though seemingly seldom used.

Postal Deliveries

Information that Kings Mountain postoffice has requested an inspection, with a view to extending city delivery routes will come as welcome news in many in-city areas which do not have this service enjoyed by some of their neighbors.

Only small route additions have been made during the past six years, the postmaster reports, and that has been the period of most-rapid home-building in Kings Mountain, as it has been all over the nation.

What the inspector finds, reports and recommends would be hard to predict, but the evidence of need appears obvious.

Kings Mountain's growth has been heavy and the increasingly upward trend in postal receipts, which has made the postoffice one of first-class rating, should be translated into an increase in services, of which city delivery service is an important one.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Phillip G. Padgett, who has been elected chairman of the city recreation commission for the coming year. The work the commission has cut out for itself is not a light load. Carrying out of the plans would be a considerable benefit to the community.

Attend one of the performances of "Chicken Every Sunday", the first production of the current season of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, which plays on Friday and Saturday evenings at the high school auditorium.

Last Day to Register

Saturday is the final day to register for the \$600,000 bond election to be conducted December 6.

Thus far, registration has not been at all brisk for the forthcoming election indicating perhaps that majority of the eligible citizens are already registered and that those who are not were perhaps sated by the long months of campaigning leading up to the general election on November 4.

Persons who have been voting in city elections for the past several seasons are already registered and eligible to vote, but it would perhaps be good business for those not sure to check with the registrars.

Public comment on the forthcoming election has not been too considerable thus far, showing again that people get much more excited about personalities in campaigns than about inanimate objects. It is hard to glamorize a piece of sewer pipe, by any stretch of the imagination.

Majority of those who do comment on the forthcoming decision concerning needed improvements to the city's sewage disposal system will confide that they doubt passage of the bond election, and this includes several citizens who expect to vote "yes". Generally, they point to Kings Mountain's customary record of voting against monetary expenditures, regardless of character or need, plus the inevitable tie-in with personality politics.

Fact that the North Carolina Board of Health has condemned the city's sewage disposal facilities should be considered by all thinking citizens. The City of High Point officials of the Board of Health cite as an unfortunate example. Several bond elections to improve the sewage situation failed to carry. Resulting damage suits lost by the city cost as much as paying for the facilities, which also were eventually constructed.

Adequate sewage disposal is a great need in any city. It is not a frill or waste of the taxpayer's money, but a necessary investment. Kings Mountain, unfortunately, is years behind on the matter of sewage disposal. It is becoming a danger to the community's health and well-being.

Mr. Parsons

When L. C. Parsons ceases his active duty with the city on December 1, he will have earned a rest.

Presently retiring as superintendent of public works, a title he has held for the past several years, Mr. Parsons has given more than three decades of service to the people of Kings Mountain through a variety of tasks, all connected with providing the community with municipal services used daily.

These services have expanded greatly since Mr. Parsons' first association with the city, and he has been present to watch and to superintend its growth and expansion.

Of the old school, Mr. Parsons has had a minimum of vacations during his many years of service. Once upon a time, vacations meant merely periods of illness, or emergency absence, rather than today's plan of scheduled time-off from work.

It won't seem quite the same at City Hall, with Mr. Parsons not in the environs. The community will add its commendations to Mr. Parsons to that of the board of commissioners for long and valiant service.

Best bows are in order to Jack Ruth, Herman Mauney, and Charles Blanton, recently honored by their respective colleges. Kings Mountain students at colleges throughout the land are continually making good records in scholastics and extra-curricular activities. These honors reflect credit on their schools, homes and to the community.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Indications: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage.

Hearing

The faculty or sense of hearing, one of the several innate senses peculiar to man, as well as beast, is an interesting physical marvel, and, though it would sometimes seem nice to be able to plug up the ears and thereby shut out all sound and din, nevertheless, the benefits of the sense are much greater than the debit.

Actually, it would appear that the past 30 years could well be called the "Age of Hearing", with radio, sound movies, and now television, which like movies, combines the seeing and hearing business, added to the ring of the telephone which Alex Bell invented.

Though much of hearing today concerns these modern inventions, which make it possible to hear around the globe and back again, hearing was once relegated to more local sounds.

The dictionary man, ever to the fore with what something means, defines hearing as "perceiving by the ear", which makes me wonder why the word isn't "ear", minus the "h". It sounds funny, of course, but it's logical. For the sense of feel, the world says "feeling".

Hearing has some meanings of finer shade, one of them being "to pay regard to". This is one that constantly comes in for use in homes and schools. A youngster who has momentarily lapsed on the business of listening is frequently heard to excuse himself by saying, "I didn't hear you". There sometimes follows the parental or school - masterish accusation, "You didn't want to hear," generally speaking often valid. In the good old days, and probably still practiced, a trip to the woodshed and a dose of that non-drinkable substance known as "hickory tea" was among the best medicines for faulty ears among young folk. Such a dose would usually sharpen the hearing for days and months, if not years.

Who has not heard the expression concerning someone, "It goes in one ear and out the other?" This type of person has ears to hear, but will not let them.

Church - goers, some preachers say, are afflicted with the above ailment, and preachers, doctors say, have these troubles, too. Husbands have the same ailment, wives will quickly relate. No wives are afflicted, according to the best research available here.

Wives, however, have sharpened senses of hearing in the hours from 8 p. m. to 6 a. m. This sharpened facility is much more exaggerated if the man of the house is away, particularly out for an evening with the boys. There is no successful record of a husband slipping in late, quiet like a mouse, and failing to awaken the madame, who always pops out the unwelcome question, "What time is it?"

During these hours, wives have been known to summon the police to investigate a flapping window sash or door, which they knew to be a burglar.

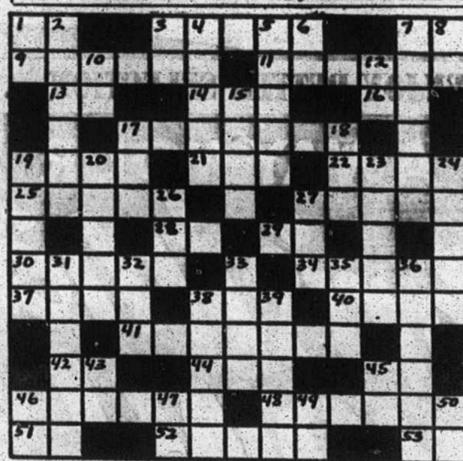
Men, on the other hand, are not noted for hearing very well during these hours. When the youngster wails at 2 a. m. the ears of the males don't function, and most men manage to sleep through the terrible clangs of a sounding alarm clock at any given getting-up time. They are quite good, however, at hearing the honk of the golfing partner's horn.

Why is it people care less about hearing the good, than the bad, or do they? Theoretically, radiomen and newsmen, too, give the big play to the bad. Some observe, left-handedly, that the big abundance of happenings are good, therefore do not qualify as sufficiently unusual to make the biggest headlines. But it is true that a nasty bit of malicious gossip can travel faster and further in a given period of time than any good word ever spoken, or at least it seems that way sometimes. Maybe the same reasoning goes.

Hearing is a wonderful institution and it would be bad to be without it, as those who lose this sense know too painfully. Still, many would like to have some physical apparatus like a radio switch button to enable them to tune in when they wished and tune out when they wished.

But too much tuning in has never been as bad as too much broadcasting, it is said.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- 1—Measure of area
- 2—Famous English internal war of the 15th century
- 7—Ancient country of culture (abbrev.)
- 9—Roman soldier-titanian
- 11—American Revolutionary patriot
- 13—Roman 2,000
- 14—Doctor of Scientific Achievement (abbrev.)
- 16—Parental nickname
- 17—Famed British poet
- 19—Military cap worn by American Civil War soldiers
- 21—Fish egg
- 22—Cereal grains
- 25—Employers
- 27—Nationality of the buccaner, Henry
- 28—Pronoun
- 29—Greek letter
- 34—Cast
- 36—Housewife's protective garment
- 37—Composer of Argentine National Anthem (poet.)

Back Into History

- 38—Equality
- 40—Joun suffix denoting a disease
- 41—Famous inventor
- 42—In reference to
- 44—Corded fabric
- 45—Pronoun
- 46—The capital of this country is the oldest city in the world (poet.)
- 48—Famous English king
- 51—Bone
- 52—Shop
- 53—Thus

DOWN

- 1—Type of electric current
- 2—Ancient Egyptian ruler
- 3—Ancient sun god
- 4—Medieval knightly fraternity
- 8—Expansive
- 9—Compass direction
- 7—Former U. S. President (poet.)
- 8—In reference to
- 10—Printer's measure
- 12—Chemical symbol for
- 13—A vulgar fellow
- 17—Title applied to the knights
- 18—Fish eggs
- 19—A former prosperous Russian farmer sensation
- 20—Hero of the Battle of Lake Erie
- 22—Vigilant
- 24—Famed Irish dramatist (poet.)
- 26—Object of ancient worship
- 27—Quality of George Bernard Shaw's writings
- 31—Discoverer of the North Pole (poet.)
- 32—Chemical suffix
- 33—Situation
- 35—Possessive pronoun
- 36—Lubricator
- 38—Adam's position in world history
- 39—A lance
- 43—Comparative suffix
- 46—Exclamation
- 47—Thus
- 49—Prefix denoting down
- 50—Perform

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

HOW NOT TO IMPROVE AUTOS

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
The 1953 model of a stock automobile will have a 205 horsepower engine. It has peeled off a 100-mile test run in less than 53 minutes. Two other manufacturers are reported to have similar soom wagons in mind.

Hold on, now! What are you going to do with 200 horses under your hood? On what public highway are you going to drive a car 115 miles an hour?

It seems to us this thing is getting out of hand. Why build power and speed into automobiles far beyond what the road system can safely handle or will be able to handle in the foreseeable future? Isn't it just suicide on the highways?

Competition, says the industry; you've got to offer more power than your competitors to out-sell them. We doubt that. We believe it would be smart business for the industry to concentrate on cars that would best meet the conditions under which they have to be used—cars that you can park, that use less fuel, that are maneuverable in modern traffic, that contain less acreage of expensive sheet steel and don't cost you \$200 per bump.

Crawford's Carrier Returns From Korea

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET (Delayed) (FHTNC) — Returned to the United States aboard the attack carrier USS Princeton last week, was Bobby L. Crawford, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crawford, and husband of Mrs. Betty L. Crawford all of 405 East Ridge st., Kings Mountain, N. C.

the Princeton had eight months of combat duty in Korea and its planes participated in some of the most spectacular air raids of the Korean conflict.

They blew up the important Shihou Dam close by the Manchurian border, were the first to attack through the heavy flak at Pyongyang, at Kowon, and at vital power plants just south of the Yalu River.

They gave close air support to UN troops at White Horse Mountain, Chorwon, and Sniper Ridge. The ship received high praise from Commander Naval Forces Far East.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has bought more than 12 million pounds of frozen ready-to-cook turkeys from the 1952 crop.

IS THE SOUTH READY NOW?

SMITHFIELD HERALD
If the election proved anything about politics in the South, is that there seems now to be a very real possibility of developing two strong parties. Although Stevenson's electoral vote came almost exclusively from the South, he failed to carry the traditionally Democratic states of Virginia, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee. Oddly enough, he took the four states which went Dixiecrat in 1948—Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

"It is the beginning of the two-party system in the South," says Paul Helliwell of Miami, vice chairman of the Florida Eisenhower Committee, "and freedom of the South from economic bondage."

Perhaps so. But it will take at least another Presidential election in 1956 to determine whether the 1952 Republican landslide was a real success for the party or merely a personal Eisenhower triumph. Back in 1948 it was not considered really "respectable" in the South to vote for the Republican Party, so the strong anti-Truman faction carried four Southern states off into the by-pass of the Dixiecrats. In 1952 it was respectable to vote for Eisenhower, a national hero and a man not previously tagged as even belonging to the Republican Party.

If Eisenhower, having won tremendous popular support throughout the South, can hold his Democratic backsliders in a newly remodeled Republican Party, he may be the man who can give strength as well as respectability to the Republican Party in the South. We suggest that he read Alexander Heard's book, "A Two-Party South?" and take some of Professor Heard's advice on the best methods of building up a strong two-party system in all the Southern states.

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Cousins Stationed At Paris Island

Pvts. Jack Sims, James Carpenter, and Fred E. Loftin are serving with the Marine 4th division, stationed at Paris Island. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Simms, Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Loftin of York, S. C. The three cousins have been together since they entered the service several months ago.

Danny Jonas' Dog Wins Prize In Show

"Mike", the Boston screwtail dog entered by young Danny Jonas, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jonas, Jr., 603 Price street, Forest City, won the Most Valuable Dog award at the recent Pooch Parade and Show, sponsored by Vickery's Farm Service, Mrs. Van Vickery announced this week.

Young Jonas is the grandson of the late Thomas Cecil and Minnie Clark Bennett, of Kings Mountain.

Pearson Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Gathier M. Pearson, 59, father of Howard Pearson of route 1 were conducted Saturday at 3 o'clock p. m. from Calvary Baptist Church, near Shelby.

Rev. W. T. Furr officiated, assisted by Rev. Leroy Jones and Rev. H. E. Waldrop. Burial was in the Union Church cemetery.

Mr. Pearson, a retired farmer of route 2, Shelby, died Thursday afternoon at his home following an illness of five weeks. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and was the son of the late Thomas Pearson and Carrie Jones Pearson. His first wife, Jannie Howard Pearson died in 1944.

Surviving in addition to his son are his wife, Mrs. Priscilla Powell Clark Pearson; a son, James Pearson of Shelby; two stepsons, Summy Clark of Shelby and Charles Clark of Newport News, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Roy Sweezy of Shelby; a brother, Summie Pearson of Shelby; one sister, Mrs. Seal Jeffries of Lawndale; and 10 grandchildren.

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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.

Car owners in Kings Mountain will not get much metal for their \$1.00 license plates this year, as the war has reduced the size to a fractional part of the size.

The annual Fireman - Police banquet which was held Friday night in the fire station in the City Hall was a most enjoyable affair.

Social and Personal
Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch entertained members of her bridge club and invited guests Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Williams most delightfully entertained members of the Study Club and invited guests at her home on North Piedmont avenue Tuesday afternoon.