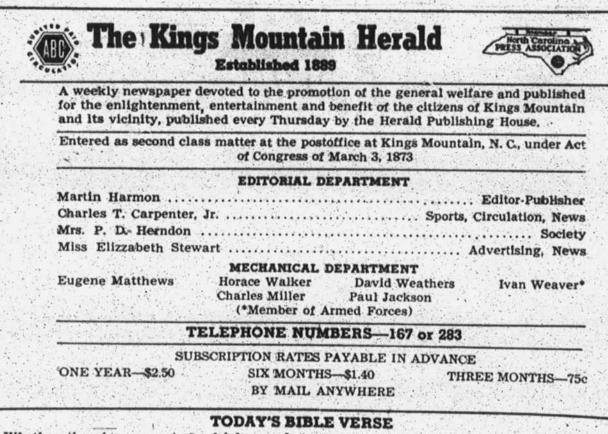
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Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. I Corinthians 10:31

Too Many Hearings

Just when the word "probe" came into general use, this newspaper does not know, but it is now a most widely used one throughout the land, as groups of one kind or another, usually legislative, investigate everything from "a" to "z" and all in between.

Unquestionably, some probes are worthwhile and are needed. Certainly the disclosures concerning the loose granting of government loans and other similar "irregularities" were worthwhile, but it was interesting to note a few weeks ago that opinion as to the worthwhileness of the sensational Kefauver committee hearings was considerably divided. Had crime been cleaned up in these cities? The most favorable replies were "partially"

Thus, at the moment, another is underway which is wasting the time of the lawmakers conducting the investigation, the time of those testifying, and the money of the taxpayers.

This one is the hearing or "probe" on political expenditures, with the heavy outlays of the recent presidential campaign furnishing the impetus. A lot of money was spent. The New York Times estimated a total of \$32,000,000, based on surveys from politicians in the know all over the nation. Others have estimated the total outlay at \$100,000,000, in spite of the present limit of three million by one group within a particular year.

The point is that the desire to win an office, on the part of both candidate and supporters, means that much money, it this seems the way to victory, is going to be spent, in spite of all the hearings, all the probes, and all the legislation Congress or other law-making bodies can put on the books.

Natural Gas

Decision of the Federal Power Commission trial examiner makes it appear that Kings Mountain will most likely have natural gas service one of these days, provided it follows through with its present efforts to add this utility to the city's "business".

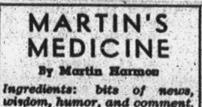
Though the city's request for a certificate of convenience and necessity to sell gas outside the city limits is still pending before the North Carolina Utilities commission, the feeling is that the FPC grant will cut the ground from the opposition of private utilities who want the market for themselves.

Those who support the city's entrance into another utility business feel that the city can sell natural gas cheaper than a private company, and, that since Kings Mountain's financial structure is heavily geared to profits from sale of electricity, going into the gas business will form an effective hedge against a potential competitor.

The engineering firm of Barnard & Burk says the gas distribution system would start "paying off" fairly quickly. Of course, the engineers must base their opinions on statements of people who say they would like to use natural gas, yet could change their minds.

At the same time, there is no question but that many citizens would like to have gas service, for heating, cooking, and other needs, today, with more undoubtedly using gas service as the years pass: Some, on the other hand, say they wouldn't use gas at any price.

There are many more details to be handled on the gas business before Kings Mountain cuts into the pipeline on York Road. but the big barrier seems to be passed. Kings Mountain has been alloted gas by the FPC. The other details will come along, if pushed properly,



Directione: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage.

Tensions

I don't know why I dreamed up a piece like this, here in the joyful Christmas season, but I suspect it was because of pocketbook tension, the ever-present wondering whether the pocketbook will hold out through the rigors of the Santa Claus season.

It's the time of year for about everybody to have that kind of tension.

But it is just one of many kinds which doctors are collect ing fat fees to solve nowadays. Fact is, the docs are getting tensions of their own trying to solve the tensions of others. Generally speaking, the treatments don't vary much. They throw in a diet, advise plenty of rest, prescribe a fistful of medicines, then add that wonderful teaser, "And you mustn't worry!"

-t-The worrybird business caused the mess to start with, and if the patient is over 12 years old, it's hardly likely he'll be able to completely take this fine advice. If he doesn't have money, he's got financial worries, if he has got money, he's worried about paying Uncle Sam's part. If he's got children, he's worrying about the kids, etc., etc. There is always plenty to worry about. -t-

But there's an old saying that a person can do anything he or she tries to do, and I suppose some degree of success can be attained if effort is made in the "stop worrying" category. The other part of the physician's advice can be handled all right without half-tryin'. Anybody can go to bed on time, eat the proper foods and swallow nasty-looking pills.

-t-Actually, the impetus for teday's piece came from a neighboring gazette, in which five simple means to easing tensions were listed. I haven't tried them all, but Number 1 works, and it looks like the others might too, Here they are:

-t-1. Inhale deeply; exhale slowly; then draw in your stomach muscles, and repeat.

2. Try to recall the names and faces of all your high school classmates.



nighways, schools, agriculture, industry, medical care and other fields.

Among the accomplishments would cost a man his job quite ited by the report are a surplus so effectively as crawling in bed in excess of forty million dollars, every time a cold strikes. Colds are contracted, because

a permanent improvement program of \$331,339,843 which dur- we do not take the proper care of our bodies which ng the past four years has been



The biggest beneficiaries from the vast majority of Congressional hearings are the committee counsellors, who receive nice, fat fees, and the chairmen, who get the headlines, a worthwhile asset in the political field.

If Congress wants to do a good job, it could place a limit on probes.

The Taft Role

The nation and, indeed, the world, is watching closely Senator Robert A. Taft as the key man in the forthcoming Congress and they are wondering whether he will play ball with President Eisenhower, or whether he will salo tage some of his program.

Many are inclined to the feeling that Senator Taft, never a shrinking violet, will still shout the attitudes of Senafor Taft, be they friendly to the Eisenhower views or not.

Last week was the first case in point, when Mr. Republican, still wearing that title with many a GOP member, both rank-and-file and bigwig, sounded off on the appointment of Martin Durkin as secretary of labor. The Senator didn't like it.

There followed a statement by the Democratic leaders, retiring President Truman and Ex-Candidate Stevenson, that the Democratic party would not fight the Eisenhower program "simply for party advantage"

These actions and words may mean little or nothing. But there is the possibility that President Eisenhower may have more trouble with Senator Taft than with the majority of members of the opposition party. Time will tell two things: how long the honeymoon will last, and who will start the discord.

More and more books are being added regularly to the shelves at Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library. It is a reminder that many pleasant hours of recreation are available for those who form the habit of using the library regularly.

The city planning board is understandably cautious in its approach to the question of adopting the city manager system form of government. There has been so much discussion of the matter here for the past decade that it is known that some citizens oppose such a system strongly. The manager system was turned down by the voters in 1948, but many say the details of the arrangement caused it. As the Herald understands it, a vote on the question would be required, and the result would determine whether the manager system came into being here, or whether the present system is continued. Anybody who claims perfection for the city manager system is somewhat out-of-bounds, but, via this system, city governments throughout the nation have tended to. become more stable than in former years. Systems of government, or business, or about anything else, are effective or ineffective as a result of the people in those systems. A good man can do wonders in almost any system. A poor man is sorry in the best system in the world.

It's time to attend to several matters, among them buying of auto licenses for the coming year, sending in a check for Christmas seals, and filling the Christmas shopping list. Incidentally, Christmas is just around the corner, with only 12 shopping days remaining.

Attend the Sunday services at Kings Mountain hospital, where the portrait of Miss Lottie Goforth will be unveiled at 2:30.

Enter the city-wide Christmas decorated door contest, being conducted jointly by the Garden Club council and First National Bank.

and Mrs. W. K. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Stowe Miller of

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

In line with hundreds of other, the Mountain View Hotel, towns throughout the state and . Betty Howard entertained a nation practically all Kings number of her young friends at Waco were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mountain stores and business the home of her parents, Mr. and D. F. Hord Sunday, houses will be closed both Friday Mrs. W. H. Howard, Friday night. and Saturday December 25th and The party was given in celebra- Hinson visited her parents, Mr. 26th for Christmas holidays. tion of her 13th birthday. Social and Personal

Sergeant Vernon Crosby and Pvt. Hinson is stationed at Miami D. F. Hord, Jr. has recently Mrs. Crosby, who have been liv- Beach, Fla. been accepted with the Medical ing in Tampa, Fla., arrived this Corps with the rank of Second week for a visit of several days lege was a weekend visitor to his Lieutenant and will enter the with relatives. Sgt. Crosby was parents. Southern Dental College, Atlanta, granted a few days leave of ab-Emmett E. Ross accompanied Georgia, March 1st. sence.

y Fred Smith visited his brother, Employees of Belk's Depart. Sgt. Paul White of Camp Swift, Pvt. Robert Ross at Camp Butner ment Store held their annual Texas is on a fifteen day furlough recently. Christmas banquet recently at at the home of his parents. Mr.

3. Go out and take a stroll around the block.

4. Recall a funny episode or experience, and try to see it as a short "mental movie" 5. Plan next year's vacation

in great detail - including wardrobe, transportation and amusements.

Actually, the biggest cause of tensions is that folk take themselves too seriously. They get hot and bothered over nothing, which, a week hence, looks routine, if not downright funny. ·t-

Another tension - producer these days is the automobile. It has become a disgrace to walk more than a half-block at the time, which means folk rush about in an automobile instead of leisurely pacing along the way. The car and other inventions has speeded up other activities, so that it is now possible for a woman to put out the week's wash, cook three meals a day, wash all the dishes, and attend two bridge parties in the process#This is wonderful from the standpoint of scientific efficiency, but think of the tension on the nervous system. About the auto: some sage has remarked that a couple of more generations will see folk born without legs, there being no further use for them. But this I will have to see.

Generally speaking, the best treatment for a tension is the go-to-hell attitude, at least in. degree. This attitude has a connotation, of course, of irresponsibility, which is not designed to add laurels to the practitioner in the form of material wealth or executive position. However, neither does it form a favorable culture for the growth of ulcers, sometimes known as the executive's occupational disease.

- 2-Tensions are also supposed to increase with age, but that's not necessarily true and depends on the person. A sixteenyear-old girl can get just as tense because her favorite boyfriend doesn't buzz the telephone as an older person can on a seemingly more serious matter. -1-

Pvt, Jennings Hinson and Mrs. Hobbies are supposed to produce relaxation and therefore and Mrs. Grady Rhea recently, relieving to tensions which are just the opposite of relaxtion. Thus a business man, though he be too tired to mow the grass, can lope out to the golf course on any given occasion.

> -t-It is also human nature to. assume that today's tensions are more tense that those of former years. Thus, every age

built or contracted for, with mon- food and drink we put into them and the clothes we put on. There ey on hand to pay the bills.

New hard-surfaced roads paved are those who tell you that what during the four years will total you eat and drink has nothing 14,631 miles. The 200 million dol- to do with having or not having lar bond issue for secondary colds, and others declare that a roads, voted in 1949, has financed bald head out in the wind and 11,898 miles of road. snow or a body chilled by a draft

Teachers salaries have been have nothing to do with colds, materially increased and the We know better, however, and building program has added you will, too, if your memory is long enough to recall what you more than 8,000 new classrooms, did yesterday. 175 gymnasiums and 350 lunch-

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rooms. New rural electric lines have totalled 21,300 miles serving 153,-000 rural customers. Under the Medical Care Com-

mission, 40 hospital projects with 2,097 beds capacity, have been ompleted in 37 counties. sides. These are some of the major

accomplishments outlined in the report, and they do indicate that North Carolina in the past four are turnip greens and candied real progress has been made in

ears On the other hand, we have not always approved of some of the activities and of the blunt actions that were taken. In the able hands of William B. Umstead, we expect North Carolina to continue to progress and remain the number one state in the south.

Braised Pork Chops Better Than Broiled

How do you cook your pork chops? State College Extension Nutritionist Virginia Wilson comnented that too many Tar Heel homemakers cook the "life" out of their pork chops. They cook them much too quickly and until they are hard and dry.

Miss Wilson said that she never recommends broking pork chops. "They should be braised if they are to remain tender and moist," she explained.

The proper way to cook them is to brown them slowly on one side - this will take about 15 minutes, turn them and then

brown them just as slowly on the other side. Use only a slow or a moderate heat for cooking pork hops. Many people like to serve their

ork chops with a barbecue auce and here is a recipe that Miss Wilson offers. It is very easy to make and adds an extra zest to pork chops that is hard to

BARBECUE SAUCE 1/2 cup vinegar

- 4 cup cold water teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon prepared mustard teaspoon sugar

Place all of the ingredients in-

regards youth as "flaming". disaster as imminent, etc. It was undoubtedly the same in grandpa's day.

