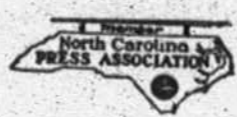




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For with God, nothing shall be impossible. St. Luke 1:37

### No Sewage Disposal

For the third time in a little more than six years, the citizens of Kings Mountain have refused to approve a bond issue for sewage disposal system improvements, in spite of a continually growing community and in spite of a continually worsening situation.

The optimists might look at the vote total and decide that the closeness of the recent election, disfavored by 57 votes, means that such improvements, if re-offered, will certainly be approved in the not-too-distant future.

Post-morteming of the December 6 election indicates many reasons for the failure of the citizens to approve the issuance of \$600,000 in bonds: 1) the size of the bond issue; 2) disinterest on the part of the average citizen as shown by the vote total; 3) failure to work sufficiently, at least 58 votes worth, by the members of the current city administration. These seem to be the principal reasons, though others include questions about financing the large issue, and differences of opinion on how it should be financed.

Though a number of citizens were reported heavily, almost bitterly, opposed to the proposed bond issue, election activity was light from both the opponents and proponents.

Sometime, someday, something is going to have to be done about the city's sewage disposal problem. Just about everyone agrees to that. The question is when?

Should construction prices decline in the reasonably near future, then the city may have been lucky that last Saturday's bond election failed, provided no great health problems occur in the interim.

Otherwise, it seems unfortunate that the voters did not approve the proposal.

Again, thinking citizens of the community hope that it will not require some terrible epidemic to glamorize the business of sewage disposal.

### Help The Needy

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring its Christmas collection of food for the needy of the community, and this project, launched quite successfully last year, should be even more successful this year.

Is it the Bible that says the needy shall always be with us?

This year is no exception.

By inviting individuals to contribute a few cans of foodstuff, or other non-perishable edibles, the Jaycees are able to broaden the base of their Christmas giving and help many, many needy persons have a pleasant, happy Christmas, quite a contrast to one of hunger.

Virtually all of the grocery stores of the community are cooperating on this "Buy A Can, Leave A Can" project, and it is a pleasure to commend it to all citizens.

The baskets should be overflowing.

How many shopping days 'til Christmas? Just a measly, short six, folks, which means it is far, far too late to do your Christmas shopping early.

Our best wishes to Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, young Kings Mountain student minister, who has been called to serve the El Bethel and Penley's Chapel Methodist pastorates.

Oops, flying saucers and talking horses! What will be next on the program? First thing we know they'll be starting chain letters again and claiming to have shot Santa Claus.

### 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 December Tire Quota allotted the local Rationing Board has been greatly increased over previous months, according to Mrs. Nell Thomson, Clerk.

The Lions Club is sponsoring the collection of keys to aid in the scrap drive for metals needed in the war effort.

Miss Jennie Hullender has returned from a visit in Bloloxi, Miss.

Mrs. J. R. Davis was hostess to

members of the Study Club entertaining at her home on East Mountain street Tuesday afternoon.

Pfc. John Costner has been transferred from McDill Field, Fla. to the airport in Greenville, S. C.

Pvt. James L. Bennett has returned to Camp Edwards, Mass. after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bennett.

Pvt. Luther G. Gregory who has been stationed at Camp Croft,

S. C. has been transferred to Angel Island, Calif.

Pfc. W. D. Morrison who has been ill in a Greenville, S. C. hospital for the past four weeks is expected home this weekend to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. Earl McGill plans to spend the holidays at Fort Benning, Ga. where her husband is stationed.

Mrs. Fred Wright, Jr. plans to leave during the weekend for a visit with her husband in Denver, Colo.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

### Gift Shopping

The topic of today's piece is probably the chief topic of conversation these days, not only hereabouts, but in San Francisco, Dallas, Portland, New York, Peoria, and everywhere else that Christmas is celebrated in the Santa Claus tradition.

It may not be the chief topic for some few people, smart folk who never enjoy the fun, furore and frolic of last-minute helter-skelter buying, but it is for me and, from the usual runs on stores at the last few days before Christmas, for almost everyone.

A lot of people say that Christmas is getting too commercial, and in a few towns the Christmas opening parades and festivals take on a strictly religious air, which is in quite good taste. But, as some were saying in last fall's political campaign, "you don't shoot Santa Claus." Well, Adlai Stevenson must not have been Santa Claus after all, for he got shell-shocked, if not shot, for the real Santa Claus you just don't shoot. Santa Claus has been squeezing down chimneys for a long, long time, and bucking tradition would be like batting the head against the stone wall.

With as much imagination as the merchants use in stocking their meccas for Christmas giving, it is still hard for many people (I lead this pack) to use much imagination in gift-giving. When my ideas run past the hose-wallet shirt-rail range, they're either not any good or also out of pocketbook range. This latter mark, of course, is easy to overshoot, unless you're loaded with cash or join enough Christmas clubs. This reminds that Belmont folk cut a \$277,000 Christmas club kitty the other day, two and three-quarter times the amount of all of Cleveland county. Money must grow on trees over there in Belmont.

Anyway, people having trouble with gift ideas are supposed to read today's paper, for just about every merchant in town is giving forth with his ideas on the subject and he'll fill up anybody's stocking for the proper consideration, some for cash, some for a next-to-nothing down payment and piddlin' amounts weekly, from now 'til — well, let's say next Christmas, if not 'til doomsday. Some of these time-payment jobs do drag out, don't they?

The advertisements I always read with envy are those where the car dealers tell papa how appreciative the family feels to receive a new bus for Christmas. The television people are proving to be very good copycats along this line of sales promotion, and others have tried it, too. But cars remain the old original. This year, many of the makers have accommodated the papas of the country by getting out new models just in time for Santa's packing. These include the Chrysler models, Pontiac, Packard, Ford, etc. leaving only a few to tail along in 1953. In the full glow of the beneficent Christmas spirit, it is always hard for the male to withstand such provocation.

Naturally, the hardest kind of shopping to do is the kind designed to please a lady-love. I refer, naturally, to the courtin' days of the male, and not to the post-marital state, for it is indeed a poor wife who cannot rattle off with complete description, color, size and cost wanted items at the rate of about five-per-minute. And the most shy wives, I am told, can list in detail three-per-minute as the Christmas season nears. Of course, they practice the art all during the year, on birthday, anniversary, Columbus Day, Valentine's Day and other gift-day excuses, but Christmas is the season in which they really sparkle.

But back to the subject of courtin' days buying. It is a very difficult matter. The girl never chirps as to what she would like, and it is frequently necessary to use circuitous routes to her mother, dear, for suggestions. This poses problems, too, for mothers, always wearing the protective instinct, are likely to report what their daughters need, not what they desire. And if there is one thing a girl doesn't want, it's what she needs. Another problem is in Mama's under-stating the case, as she tries to show off daughter for a young lady of modest wants. (Such a woman has really never been invented).

Thus we enter the final heat toward Christmas 1952. It's only six, fast-moving shopping days away, and may none get left at the post, either at store-closing time on Christmas Eve, or after Santa's visit.

### CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-54 and letters A-Z.

ACROSS: 1—Soldier who ran out of words to conquer; 2—Presently; 3—Famed Persian poet; 4—Depression; 5—American originator of the detective story; 6—Irish playwright; 7—Exist; 8—Caricature was famous as "this"; 9—Historically famous Belgian sweet town; 10—Very Old (abbrev.); 11—Ancient Greek god of shepherds; 12—A brood, as of pheasants; 13—Initials of the little boy who cried for his supper; 14—Discarded; 15—Withered; 16—Kestling place; 17—Japanese statesman; 18—Famed American general (post.); 19—Anyone individually; 20—Opposed to; 21—Rotten; 22—Force; 23—Greek letter; 24—Month named for a Roman emperor (abbrev.); 25—Composer of a famous "Rhapsody"; 26—Legal matters; 27—Roman tyrant; 28—Famous English clock bell; 29—Measured quantity; 30—Craze Moore was a famous operative "this"; 31—French emperor (post.); 32—Former English queen; 33—Biblical character who escaped destruction of Sodom; 34—Printer's measure; 35—Shakespeare was "The Bard of"; 36—Execute; 37—Printer's measure; 38—College chess; 39—Combining form meaning "ab-"; 40—Marquipped; 41—English chemist; 42—Founder of U. S. "Keynote" Club; 43—Great time divisions; 44—Scottish inventor of steam engine; 45—River immortalized in a poem by Robert Burns; 46—Former Russian Czar; 47—Famed Scandinavian navigator (post.); 48—The sun; 49—Suffix of ordinal numbers; 50—Former "terrible" Russian ruler; 51—Auditory organ; 52—To thrust; 53—Smooth; 54—Feel indisposed; 55—Famed Italian actress; 56—Brought legal action; 57—Army food; 58—Broad smile; 59—Kind of meat; 60—Reputed designer of first American flag; 61—Eggs; 62—Old Spanish title of respect; 63—Abbreviated airplane; 64—Shoeshoer.

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

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### DAD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT PEACE OF MIND

That old refrain, "commercializing" Christmas, has started again, now that December's here. It seems to us, however, that Granddad's filling his youngsters' stockings with oranges around the turn of the century, and Dad's expensive gift of a TV set to his family this Christmas are both expressions of the same thing... the Christmas spirit, the urge to bring festivity and happiness to those nearest and dearest.

Under today's Christmas tree there's everything from a camera to a car, from a steam iron to a washing machine. Today's gifts represent a mode of living infinitely higher than in the "good old days" — a new standard made possible by the evolution and installment credit.

Today, millions of American families are enjoying the good things of life as they pay for them, and without fear of what would happen if their income was disrupted. The same American ingenuity that made independence possible to the thirteen struggling colonies has found a way to remove fear from credit buying with a program which insures payment of their monthly installments if the purchaser is disabled, and pays the entire debt if he should die.

Last year more than 15 million families protected more than five billion dollars worth of time-purchases and loans with this consumer credit insurance. And the same spirit of thoughtfulness that is behind the super-duper family gift is leading more and more people to give also the peace of Christmas morning.

Pleasant Christmas — season thought (to date): Not a single boom from a firecracker yet, in spite of the fireworks shacks south of the border.

#### PATIENCE A VIRTUE

In the turmoil of the election campaign so much was made of the portents of a trip by General Eisenhower to Korea that we were inclined to point out that the war was not a political issue. We maintained that no miracles could be wrought and that a solution to the problem was apt to be long in coming.

Since the election, the very self-same people who touted General Eisenhower's election, have begun to grumble a bit because we are today no nearer the solution than we were three weeks ago.

Once again we urge patience. President-designate is going to Korea and he has the blessings of the people going with him, but he will bring forth no miracles as a result of his trip.

Sure, it is a frustrating experience for us to sit by and watch little progress being made in the solution of the Korean problem. Here again, however, we must evaluate the consequences if we were to seek through military action, a quick end.

Would World War III break out? Could we gain full support of our Allies in an all-out-war? Would we bring it to a quick end?

These are puzzling questions. The only accomplishment that we can be sure of if we continue to chafe is a "Korean neurosis" that will sap our energies.

Patience in troublous times has always been, and continues in the present to be, a virtue.

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