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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments. Proverbs 3:1.

Man Of The Year

The Associated Press reports that General Dwight David Eisenhower, president-elect of the United States, is the Man of the Year for 1952. Undoubtedly, the general will receive the greatest number of nominations for this mythical honor, just as his election ranked as the top news story of the year.

The "Man of the Year" title is one General Ike should wear well.

Undoubtedly, the honor is deserved, not only for the one-year business of winning the presidency, but for his cumulative record as a top war commander, commander of NATO, and other work.

General Eisenhower will soon begin officially his toughest task, in fact, has already begun it, from the standpoint of building an organization and laying plans for future operations. The nation, or at least the vast majority of its people, expect some important changes in many aspects and phases of the federal government and it may be assumed that many of these anticipated changes are greatly desired. While some say the actual changes will be small and take place gradually, they say the "climate" will be different in Washington.

Even the most staunch defenders of the Democratic political faith have been embarrassed over the accumulated barnacles of two decades in office, and, while they will be watching the new administration for any sign of error, won't object to some of the changes which will occur.

The whole point is that it would be quite wonderful if, a year hence, the same Eisenhower could again be named "Man of the Year". It would mean that he had done a wonderful first-year job in one of the world's biggest positions.

Talk With Stalin?

Answer by Premier Stalin, via the Soviet Embassy to Newsman Jimmy Reston's inquiry concerning a possible conference between Stalin and Eisenhower has aroused much comment throughout the world, and revived speculation whether some agreements could be reached to end the cold war and Korean hot war, if these two heads of state chatted with each other across the dinner table.

All the comments in official quarters are couched in questions; for none know the thinking of the Soviet mind. Yugoslavia says it's all "hypocrisy".

Yet all can remember that Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin gathered at intervals to prosecute a war and that they won it. In spite of the feeling that Roosevelt "gave the world away" at Yalta, the remote chance that talks between these heads of state would end the tensions around the globe makes the possibility of such talks seem highly worthy of exploring.

Peace, as it has been for years, and with seldom a respite, is the principal problem facing the world in 1953.

"There's not a worry in the world worth worrying about". This was the advice of Connie Mack, the veteran baseball player, manager, and owner on his 90th birthday last week. As the advice of an elder citizen, who, in the up-and-downs of living, through championship teams and tail-enders, it is well worth considering. It is doubtful, of course, whether Mr. Mack would have given the same advice a half-century ago, when he was a fledgling forty, or even 30 years ago. But, at 90, Mr. Mack has another viewpoint. It is undoubtedly good advice for the worriers of this age, of which there are many. It is not recommended, however, for the ostrich-type folk who are already addicted to the habit of covering their heads in the sand, rather than facing the issues of the day.

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.

Kings Mountain Churches will hold special prayer services tomorrow, New Year's Day, at 12:30 in Central Methodist church at which time the congregations and the general public are invited to join in prayer for the nation's armed forces.

Social And Personals

Of cordial interest to the many friends of the bride-elect in Kings Mountain is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Helen Faye Cash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cash and Kenneth

Davis of Wilmington, N. C.

Pvt. John Floyd who is stationed at Chanute Field, Ill. has returned after visiting friends here.

Sgt. W. J. Fulkerson of Camp Pickett, Va. is on a visit at his home here.

Privates Odell Pressley and Ralph Arrowood of Camp Pickett, Va. spent the holidays in Kings Mountain.

Lt. Otto Williams who is stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.

Pvt. Harold Coggins who is stationed at Camp Butler, near Durham, is spending a ten day furlough at home.

George Lattimore, Jr. returned to Duke University Tuesday after spending several days at home.

Pvt. John Reynolds who is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark. has returned after visiting his mother.

Corp. D. H. Welch who is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. is spending a ten day furlough with relatives here.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

A New Slate

Down with '52, hurrah for '53! It's a new day and a new year dawning!

I trust that each and every reader of this piece will verify the traditional blackeyed peas and hog jowl for New Year's Day dinner, for that is insurance guaranteeing good things to come throughout the year, or so superstition has it. Theoretically, the more peas consumed, the better the prospects for the forthcoming 365 days.

The day-count reminds of several things, among them being the fact that 1953 is a normal year, without that extra day tacked on to February one year in four. It means that February 29th birthdays will have to be celebrated on March 1, and, more important, that lady-folk will have to be more demure with their romantic activities for this year and subsequent years until 1956. Leap Year License gives the lady folk permission to pop the question, but, like all hunting sports, the season is now "closed", giving males a respite for flight and freedom. Those who have survived the heavy in-roads of Leap Year '52 undoubtedly have a "shot-at" look. If you don't believe it, look at the nearest available eligible bachelor. The year was a hard one for the bachelor cadre, and I am sure that research would prove that more newspaper type and space were devoted to reports of hitchhings than ever before, and that applies locally, as well as nationally.

Everyone is looking forward to the New Year with anticipation and great expectations of good things to come. If they aren't they should be. There are always killjoys to view with alarm. None should throw caution completely to the winds but while the worse CAN happen, it seldom does. Viewing the future can be much more fun, if the pleasant approach is taken.

Today being resolution day, everyone should have made a few, for everyone undoubtedly would like to change the pattern a little. A smoker might want to forsake the weed (or as many as half his current quota), a fatman might want to lighten the calory load, or a skinny one might want to get more rest and sleep. As usual, there are many youngsters who will have it plainly suggested by mamma that they resolve to comb the hair, brush the teeth, wipe off the shoes before entering the house, and wash the hands well before using the towel. These last ones are old faithfuls I used to make, and break, with rare speed and enthusiasm.

Looking back at 1952 serves up many memories to be thankful for, even though it was, in some respects, a wild and woolly year. It ended in a nice, merry, cheerful glow of a fine Christmas season, which resembles the whipped cream topping on a peach parfait.

Christmas brought the customary good fellowship, the customary conversation, and the customary funny experiences. There was the young matron, for instance (name not to be divulged on penalty of death) who, this year, just never found time to address and mail her greeting cards. They were bought, but that was all. Needless to say, her mail box was filled with them, and, in the course of the holiday season, she was thanking another lady for "your lovely greeting card". The response: "And I thank you for yours, too, it was certainly a pretty one." No hint was given as to the true situation.

Another tale, san names, involves a houseguest of a well-known Kings Mountain family. Aunt Jane, we shall call her, first made the statements three years ago, but reiterates on each subsequent visit that she is a great lover of fresh, sweet butter, but just cannot stand that horrid margarine. It happens that her hostesses are devotees of the margarine cut and have been for years. Aunt Jane, not benefitting from seeing the wrappers, eats seeds of margarine on the Christmas-season waffles, but never knows the difference, bragging about it all the while. . . . somewhat like the tee-totaling gentry do when they're eating wine or brandy-doused Christmas fruit-cake.

I have another tale or two from the same general source, but it will have to wait for a later date. When it comes, it will be a good series.

But space is out for this edition, and there are many more editions ahead during the New Year of '53. May each and all

CROSSWORD • • • By A. C. Gordon

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 - 20—Your sporting adversary is always your friendly "this"
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Viewpoints of Other Editors

AGRICULTURE NEEDS INDUSTRY STATE MAGAZINE

In a letter to Governor-elect Umstead, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the *Progressive Farmer*, joins THE STATE in urging a program of industrial development for this state. Dr. Poe says he is particularly interested because "one of the most important ways to help North Carolina agriculture is to get a better balance between agriculture and industry—this is especially important in eastern North Carolina."

After noting the need for better markets at home for farm products, and the mechanization of our farms, Dr. Poe mentions two grave threats:

Both our two greatest North Carolina money crops — cotton and tobacco — are threatened with serious competition. Already mechanization and irrigation are enabling California and the Southwest to make cotton more cheaply than we can. I also feel confident of a steadily dwindling market for export tobacco simply because some quality of tobacco — not exactly the fine quality we can produce but something other countries can use if they have to — can be grown almost anywhere in the warmer part of the world. Then foreign governments will increasingly insist on their citizens using homegrown tobacco to increase agricultural income and will also wish to increase government revenues by heavy taxation of American tobacco entering the country.

"North Carolina needs to face this almost certain prospect and prepare now against its coming."

Pvt. Billy Brown Serving In Korea

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA (Nov. 30) — Pvt. Billy Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Brown, Route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., recently helped his artillery unit fire its 400,000th round at the Communists.

He is serving with the 8th Field Artillery Battalion, whose big howitzers are supporting the 25th Infantry Division, the senior unit in the combat zone.

Private Brown, a cannoneer in Battery A, arrived in Korea in October. He entered the Army last February.

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NEW WAYS TO ELECT PRESIDENT NEEDED

(THE PATHFINDER MAGAZINE)

There is some feeling, strengthened by bitterness of the past campaign, in favor of simplifying our complicated system of electing a President. To begin with, there is no longer any good reason for such a long campaign. It is suggested that the nominating conventions should be held in late September, compressing the speechmaking into a single month. The two political parties could make this alteration at any time.

The electoral college system is criticized because it favors states with a small population. This results from the provision that the number of electors in each state shall equal the number of its senators and representatives. Every state has two senators, and at least one congressman.

The way this works may be seen by contrasting Nevada, which has about 160,000 people and three electoral votes, with New York, counting 45 electoral votes for about 15,000,000 population. This year Nevada gets one electoral vote for every 53,000 inhabitants, New York one electoral vote for every 333,000. In other words, a vote for President in Nevada counts more than six times as much as a similar vote in New York.

But it would take a Constitutional amendment — a slow business — to abolish the Electoral College. Unless the electors begin to assert their independence, regardless of popular vote, the college will probably continue. For where the letter of the Constitution is concerned, we are a conservative people.

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