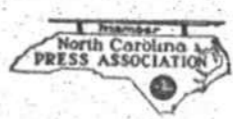




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. St. John 1:4.

New Administration

With the inauguration of a new governor and convening of a new General Assembly, North Carolina has a new administration, one pledged to progress yet also pledged to keep spending within means.

The new governor is William B. Umstead, who won hands down in November, after a rather hard Democratic primary battle against Judge Hubert Olive. There were few recriminations after the primary was over, which means that North Carolina, to all outward indications, is rather well united behind Governor Umstead, a man with a long record of service in government, and an acceptable record at that.

Those who know Mr. Umstead best think the forthcoming administration will more nearly approximate the administrations of Governors Hoey and Broughton for ease of operation and lack of fireworks, as opposed to the outgoing administration's frequent bombast.

Nevertheless, the administration of Governor Scott will be found a good one, we have no doubt. As pointed out here before, the Scott timing was right. He supported and pushed for expansion at a time of increasing state revenues. Though Scott's administration broke a record for spending, it was not embarrassed. Highway revenues have jumped steadily as have other state receipts.

The new administration will most likely be more conservative than Governor Scott's, returning to the so-called progressive-conservative of the Hoey-Broughton-Cherry era. Government officials will ask for less, and most expansion moves will compromise the extremes.

Among the chief issues facing the legislature will be liquor, teacher pay, school construction, and primary highways. As usual, all will be connected with the prime business of adopting a budget which will not provide more spending than there is income.

As usual, there will be plenty of legislation for the new administration to handle.

Car Inspections

Most folk were mighty, mighty glad when the state's car inspection program was scrapped a few years back. The program had a short life. The reason was lousy administration, particularly in populous areas, and there was such a hue and cry of complaint the General Assembly voted it into limbo.

Ever since, there has been a call from some groups for another car inspection program. They point to the accident total in the state and infer that faulty autos cause them.

Some accidents, undoubtedly, are caused because the brakes fail to act at a crucial moment, or because of other mechanical failure.

But by far the greatest number of accidents, in other states as well as in North Carolina, occur due to driver error, commonly known as carelessness, in one of its several forms.

Actually, the death rate from auto accidents has come down in North Carolina, both in total number of deaths and in number of accidents per miles driven.

At a time when the federal government, supposedly, is launching a down-with-bureaucracy movement, why should North Carolina add to hers?

Other matters to attend to now are purchase of license tags for automobiles. Deadline for using the old-model tags is January 31. The same rule applies on city license tags.

10 YEARS AGO taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.
THIS WEEK taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

A group of men gathered at the Red Cross Bandage Office Tuesday night and rolled bandages to aid in the war effort.

Social and Personal
Eight members of the Little Theatre will present a one act play entitled, "I Pledge Allegiance" during the Woman's Club meeting to be held Friday at 4:30 in the club building.

Miss Marion Arthur was hostess at a dinner party at the home of her parents on New Years night at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Gillespie were hosts at two holiday parties entertaining at their home on Piedmont avenue Friday evening and Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ertle Powers and baby son are expected home from Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, today.

Pfc. Jack Kennedy has returned to Camp Pickett, Va., after spending a six day furlough with his wife and other relatives in Kings Mountain.

Camp Phillips, Kansas after spending a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Daisy Costner, Corp. Dewey Welch, parachute branch Camp Bragg is spending a month's sick leave with his parents. He expects to return in a about ten days.

Chas. Campbell, Jr., who has recently completed a course in radio operation in Madison, Wis. and is now stationed at St. Joseph Mo. is on a visit at his home in Kings Mountain.

Staff Sergeant Paul W. Costner has returned to his post at

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

New Calendar

How many old calendars do you still have hanging on the wall?

It is supposed to be a sign of the efficient businessman or housewife to keep a clean desk and a fresh, up-to-date calendar. In the calendar category, I am doing fairly well, thanks to a number of kind-hearted friends who annually distribute new model date-keepers. But on the clear desk count, I must beg the mercy of the court. Much 1952 debris is still laying around for handling.

The calendar business must be big business in the United States, for it's an item that everyone must use, if not daily, at least frequently, and just about everyone needs several of 'em. In a business office, for instance, one is needed over each desk unless a large community calendar is on view from all working spots, in all lights, at all angles. Another type, needed is the pocket calendar, which fits the wallet. These calendars come in wonderfully handy for many purposes, not only in scheduling appointments, parties, etc., but, not infrequently, in settling arguments along the vein of whether the 15th comes on Tuesday or Wednesday, or which month has fifth Sundays.

Like the toy business, it would appear that the calendar folk work year-round for one big, short season, and I suppose they do. However, the calendar salesman is an early starter. Two have already visited us. It was amazing, too, the enthusiasm they exhibited over the new "1954 calendar", for, they were here before the wrappings were pulled off the 1953 calendar. It strikes me that a man who can make a living selling calendars a year ahead of time must be a very, very good sales man, and, if selling something with greater demand, such as flour or loaf bread, he could make a million in short order.

But the real excuse for today's piece originates in the new type "birthday calendar" promoted here by the Jaycees. I have not received mine yet, and am operating off a borrowed one. However, it is proving to be very interesting.

Not only do I find that several business firms are rolling out the magic carpet on my birthday (as well as other listed birthdays), but there is other interesting information contained in it as well. If in doubt when the civic club meets again, just look at the calendar. In this way the wives of Lions and Jaycees will have no trouble at all scheduling their spouses' vacant Tuesdays. (The Kiwanians are real handy, taking every Thursday night out with the boys. However, I note that the Kiwanians take the ladyfolk along more than the other club members do, and the weekly getting out may be the reason.)

I am not sure that the ladyfolk are going to like this calendar too much in some respects. While it will provide plenty of excuse for timely hints about approaching anniversaries, it will also provide reminders of passing birthdays and consequent speculation about ages, etc. Can't you imagine someone saying, "Oh, she'll never see 30 again!"

I find that the 1953 calendar lists three Black Cat days, or Fridays, the thirteenth. They occur in February, March and November. The birthday calendar lists Glee E. Bridges, C. E. Jolly, and Clarence Spratt as February 13 arrivals, Ben Horton, Mrs. Kathryn Huffstickler and Kay Mauney as March 13 arrivals, and has a blank on November 13. Due to the usual superstition connected with Fridays, the 13th, I would advise that all these folk plan to spend the day in bed.

All this information makes the Jaycee Birthday Calendar a quite unusual and news filled one. In addition to all the listed birthdays, anniversaries, and other information, the back page (behind December) gives the proper flower and birthstone for each month in the year, plus the type material proper for a wedding anniversary gift. After year No. 10, I find, it's impossible to get out cheaply.

Other 1953 calendar notes: Easter comes on the first Sunday in April, the fifth, and Independence Day lands smack-dab on a Saturday. Christmas will fall on Friday.

I haven't checked closely, but I do not think, in this normal 365-day year, that anything particularly unusual is connected with the 1953 calendar. In event

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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Turn Back the Clock

ACROSS

- French Protestants of the 16th and 17th centuries
- To feast
- Famous American cowboy writer
- English statesman and author
- Point
- Fetal element
- Combining form meaning mouth
- English philosopher and author
- Feminine article of apparel (colloq.)
- Shortened head
- Sports arbiter
- State
- American general
- British army detail (colloq.)
- Inventor of a small firearm
- Roman poet
- To cripple
- Former gentlemanly means of settling a quarrel
- First child born in America of English parents

DOWN

- Leander swam the Hellespont for her
- Shoshonean Indian
- Chemical symbol for germanium
- Scandinavian explorer
- Officer of the Guard (abbrv.)
- Prefix for three
- Member of a Slavic tribe
- Famous American inventor
- Traditionally the second son of English royalty
- Algonquian Indian
- Priest's measure
- Born
- Clasious element
- Perform
- Scottish river
- Ancient Greek philosopher
- Hurried
- Withered
- Standing Room Only!
- Military implements
- Expire
- To appoint
- English queen
- The founder of Islam (pos.)
- American President
- Famed Italian world-traveler
- French emperor (pos.)
- Ancient Babylonian god
- U. S. "Silver State"
- Ancient world conqueror
- Duck valuable for its down
- Spanish hero
- Owing
- Corded fabric
- Lamprey
- Ancient Roman statesman
- South American city
- Require
- Hant Christian
- Scenes of famous Andersen was a "this"
- Extent of surface
- Panned Biblical woman
- Snake-like fish
- Acquire
- "Yes" in Spain
- Pronoun

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

HOW BIG IS A BILLION?

SMITHFIELD HERALD
Both last year and this year North Carolina maintained more miles of road, surfaced and unsurfaced, than any other state in the union. The total, say figures given out by the State Highway Department, was 66,592. Of these, 48,519 were surfaced.

We have so often been obliged to point out that all too often this state is near the bottom in various columns of statistics that it is a pleasure to chronicle this "first" for North Carolina.

There are other interesting figures to think over. Governor Scott points out in his end-of-the-year report that roads paved during his four years, 14,810 miles, came to a greater total than in all the years previous to 1949; and that the 20-million dollar bond issue of 1949 has financed 11,898 miles of paving.

The state has thus laid the foundation for a new and greater phase of its life. Good roads are not only arteries of communication; they are awakeners and vitalizers. The proof of that lies in the fact that North Carolina began to take its place in the front rank of Southern states the moment it adopted a good roads program which reached its latest and most impressive phase under Governor Scott.

In this latest phase the state has extended good roads into the branch heads, coves and swamps, thus setting up definite links between the towns and the countryside. It means one more step in the wiping out of the isolation which has often been one of the drawbacks of rural life. If the farmer will thus benefit, it can be imagined what it means to the farmer's wife and to the children of the family as well.

Fowl Pox Common in Tar Heel Flocks

Failure to vaccinate young pullets is responsible for current, widespread outbreaks of fowl pox in North Carolina, according to C. F. Parrish, in charge of poultry extension for N. C. State College.

In every case of fowl pox reported, the flock had not been vaccinated" Parrish says. The failure of poultrymen to vaccinate young pullets between the ages of 8 and 16 weeks is causing some farmers to lose a sizeable part of their poultry income, he adds.

Many hens afflicted with fowl pox, or sorehead, have been out of production for 40 days or more. These hens, which had been laying 60 per cent or better with eggs selling for 60 cents a dozen, cost their owners \$1.20 each in loss of egg money while they were out of production.

Parrish points out that \$1.20 would more than cover the cost of vaccinating 10 birds.

Poultry raisers that neglected to vaccinate their pullets before they started laying should vacinate with pigeon pox vaccine after the birds have begun to lay. Pigeon pox vaccine will not greatly effect production and it will give temporary immunity to fowl pox, according to Parrish.

you had missed it. Leap Year 1952 contained 53 Wednesdays.

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