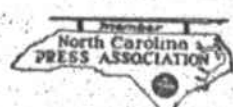




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. Proverbs 3:9.

Please, No

A Mecklenburg representative to the North Carolina General Assembly, Arthur Goodman, is toying with the idea of introducing a bill to require a state withholding tax, similar to the federal government withholding arrangement.

The Herald hopes that Mr. Goodman will never get around to introducing his bill, or, if he does, that the committee will relegate it to the dustiest pigeon-hole.

The state has taken one step to assure collection of its rightful income taxes and this is requirement of employers to file with the Department of Revenue "information at the source," or individual statements of employees earnings.

With this information, the department should be able to collect.

Income taxes in North Carolina do not reach great heights for the average person, and the great amount of book-keeping required would complicate heavily the already heavy workload of the state's employees.

There's little fault with the federal withholding system, because the amounts are large, and lump sum payment by the average citizen would be an almost insurmountable burden. Many more than are now would be candidates for Atlanta's Federal penal institution.

But Mr. Goodman and Raleigh should leave us alone.

Reduction Binge

While there may be some merit to the residential light rate reduction of an additional ten percent (making the total 20 percent off rates adopted last summer), some people are wondering whether the city government can afford the additional cut.

There has been disagreement among the board members on the rate parings ever since the original slashes were instituted, cutting 20 percent and demand charges off commercial rates, and paring residential rates by ten percent.

One of the two commissioners who voted against the cut, B. T. Wright, Sr., said he would have felt much better about it, had he been sure the city can get through the next five months without using red ink on its ledgers.

Some people, of course, will cheer the paring on the grounds that the less money which flows into city coffers (or into the treasury of any governmental unit) the better. The less will be spent, they reason. This view, however, recognizes only the barest minimum of needs for city services.

Time will tell whether the latest (and other) parings were in order. During the current fiscal year, the city mapped record spending, but pared light rate schedules and cut the tax rate. If the roller coaster doesn't jump the financial track, none can complain, for everyone likes more for less.

Report of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company shows that the Kings Mountain exchange now has more than 2,000 telephones. Growth in the service has been great in the past few years and, as was pointed out by Mr. Farris, the manager, is an indication of commercial prosperity. The telephone is an almost indispensable adjunct to daily living, much like the electric light and other wonderful inventions that have come to be so common they are taken-for-granted.

Our congratulations to Bobby Earl Patterson, one of 68 students at Baylor university recently initiated in the Baylor chapter of Alpha Chi, national scholastic society.

10 YEARS AGO

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

All young men becoming 18 years old must register with the local draft board on their birthday, unless it comes on Sunday or a legal holiday, then they must register the next day.

A total of 109 selectees will leave next Friday, January 29th, at eight o'clock from in front of the Draft Board office by special buses.

Social And Personal

Mr. Charles P. Ware announces the marriage of his daughter, Margaret Lucille, to Pvt. Howard J. Randall of Hattiesburg, Miss. The marriage took place in Hattiesburg on Saturday, December 19.

Mr. A. H. Cornwell announces the engagement of his daughter, Dorothy, to Sgt. Vernon T. Reynolds of Bishopville, S. C., and Langley Field, Va.

Mrs. H. E. Lynch was hostess to the Study Club at her home on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bobby Allran left Monday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Huffman in Utica, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. ...up Falls are in receipt of a letter from their son, Cicero Falls stating that he has arrived safely in North Africa.

Mrs. Ernest Payne has returned from a weeks visit with her husband, Pvt. Ernest Payne, at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

Eddie H. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith recently enrolled at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga.

Mrs. Jesse McArthur of Carthage is visiting her brother, Mr. E. B. Olive and Mrs. Olive. Pfc. Charles W. Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Patterson who has been stationed at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. for some time, has been transferred to Meridian, Miss.

How to quit? This one's not

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

Weed-No-More

This is not a gardening piece, in spite of the title, borrowed from the product of same name and which is supposed to kill each and every blade of weed in a lawn and, at the same time, leave each and every blade of grass. The claims may be true, as advertised, but there aren't many lawns that could stand the treatment, what with the weed crop greater than the lawn-grass crop.

The title for today commemorates a special day for me, and since it is just possible that it could be the last one of this particular kind, I wanted to do a little bragging in time.

w-n-m

Today, if my calendar is correctly marked, is the end of the second month since I forsook Demon Nicotine, a divorce I thought, onetime, I'd never be able to manage. And, since it is just possible that I will again fall from grace, I wish to attend to the writing matter first. (Outside of other benefits, a guy should get a column, at least, out of ceasing the cigarette.)

w-n-m

There is nothing like experience, regardless of the chore, and the truism holds for smoking the weed (a trick Sir Walter Raleigh reputedly learned in good old North Carolina from the Croatan Indians). The converse is also true. If you haven't quit lately, try it. It'll be a little different from what you thought it would be.

w-n-m

Among the misimpressions, I would list the first as financial. It does not require a mathematical wizard nor nuclear physicist to figure quickly that smoking a couple of packs per day, even though they're purchased at the cut-rate counters, figures a minimum of \$15-plus annually. That's equivalent to two suits of clothes per year, or one a season. "Stop smoking and be well-dressed," I thought to myself. "A saving! No saving up for the new suit. Just buy it out of cigarette money!"

w-n-m

Things are not working out too well. In manner of speaking, perhaps, they are merely working out. During the first days of the nicotine fast, the medicinal energy box, to wit, the tummy, seemed kin to the Lake Lure area's bottomless pools. No bottom. It made little difference what the foodstuff was, though first choice went to pies, cakes, "cookies and other sweets. Breakfast had to be increased, lunch became dinner, and dinner became another dinner. The late-evening snack was prerequisite to sleeping. All the anticipated savings were consumed in foodstuff, and more.

w-n-m

Now it is becoming just possible that the lost suit-savings will be more so, and cause more expense. Thus far the old clothes are managing, but the vests are proving a little tight, for the added fuf is putting on more pounds, if not heat.

w-n-m

In the far distant past, last time I experimented, I could remember that the smoking fast would be worth five pounds in the first week, but I had not kept data on a longer period. For those interested in weight increase, I am able to report that the first week of weed-no-more is still worth five pounds. Two months, in my instance, has been worth 13 pounds. This, of course, will be sad information to those who tend to the plump side and were looking forward, someday, to obtaining their freedom from the slavery of the coffin tuck. Abe Lincoln freed one kind of slave, but it'd take more than a President of the United States to free the world from the kind of slavery practiced by the Camel, Chesterfield and Lucky Strike. Simon Legree was a piker beside these modern characters.

w-n-m

There are other benefits connected with the fast. No more ash trays to empty, no more morning bad taste, no more morning cough. On the last-mentioned point it had come to be a standing joke at our house. After the first puff of the cigarette: cough, cough, cough. For a time this occurred after the roll out of bed. Later on, when I had quit the before-breakfast puff, it came with the first puff and second cup of coffee.

w-n-m

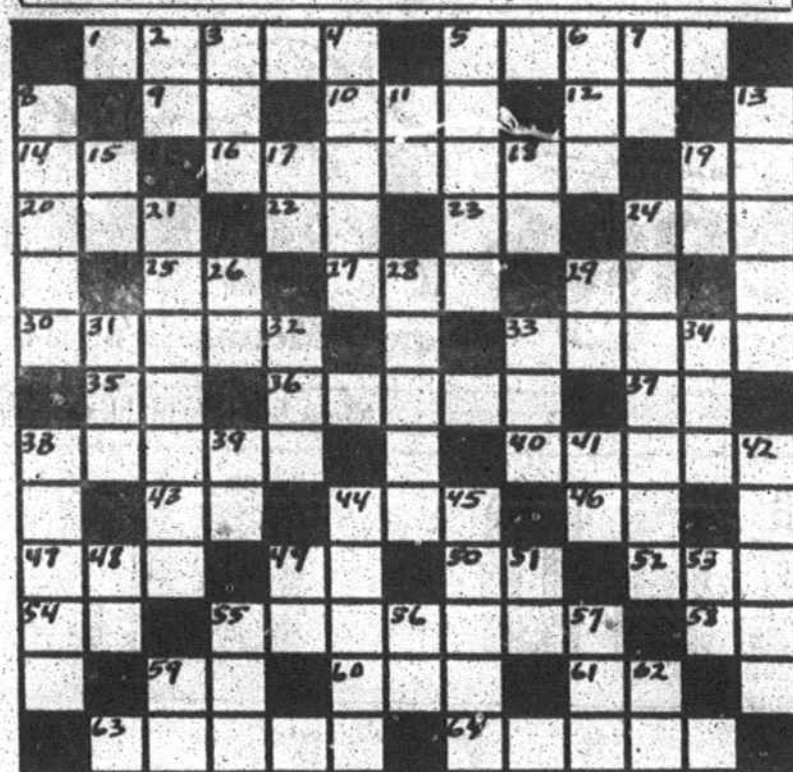
Among other benefits, was the elimination of the need for two worn out cigarette lighters, which also kept the disposition in questionable order. There must be some others, but at the moment they escape me.

w-n-m

How to quit? This one's not

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



Recreation

- ACROSS**
- 1-Deep-thinking game
 - 5-Supreme triumph in bridge
 - 9-U. S. "Corn State" (abbrev.)
 - 10-Latin abbreviation for "not well"
 - 14-Roman 5001
 - 14-Latin abbreviation for "not well"
 - 16-America's greatest competitive sport
 - 19-Parental nickname
 - 20-Number of frames in bowling
 - 22-Paid announcement
 - 23-College degree
 - 24-Spanish hero
 - 25-Comparative suffix
 - 27-To bobble the baseball
 - 28-Parental nickname
 - 30-Wintertime vehicles
 - 33-Popular "numbers" game
 - 35-Man's nickname
 - 36-Farewell
 - 37-Abbreviated Automobile Association
 - 38-Bribe
 - 40-Billiard shot
 - 43-Printer's measure
 - 45-Parental nickname
 - 46-Pronoun
 - 47-Theoretical force (pl.)
- DOWN**
- 2-A greeting
 - 3-To indulge in table sport
 - 4-Famous American jockey
 - 5-Participant in a wintry sport
 - 6-Paid announcements
 - 7-Musical note
 - 8-Poker stakes
 - 11-American navy police (abbrev.)
 - 13-Home entertainment medium
 - 15-East
 - 17-Everyone individually (abbrev.)
 - 18-Compass direction
 - 19-Greek letter
 - 21-Record playing necessities
 - 24-Card game
 - 26-Chemical symbol for radium
 - 28-Sport of outdoor sports
 - 29-Roman 1001
 - 31-Meadow
 - 32-Vocalize
 - 33-Drunken loser (slang)
 - 34-Necessity for the tourist
 - 38-Action by the hunter
 - 39-Chemical symbol for thallium
 - 41-Three-toed sloth
 - 42-Fencing implements
 - 43-Golfing shoe
 - 45-Fairway implements
 - 48-Roman 990
 - 49-U. S. Navy Musician (abbrev.)
 - 51-Perform
 - 53-Medical man (abbrev.)
 - 55-Baseball failure
 - 56-District Attorney
 - 57-Participle in a contest of speed
 - 59-Musical note
 - 62-All right ("...")

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

LET'S HAVE A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET

(SPINDALE SUN)

As we had anticipated, Congress is not doing anything about President Truman's new budget request of \$78,500,000,000 and won't until President-elect Eisenhower is installed next Tuesday and gives his views on spending and taxing.

Both the new president and Senator Taft believe that the budget for the next fiscal year can be held to seventy billion and just about balance it for the first time in years.

The new budget is about seven billion less than Truman proposed spending a year ago but Congress changed some of his plans and cut the proposal to about seventy-five billion. Income this year is estimated at nearly sixty-nine billion, which will leave a deficit of around six billion and bring the nation's total deficit to 264 billion. The new Truman budget would mean a deficit next year of ten billion and bring the total debt to 275 billion, the present limit now fixed by law.

A good many Republicans are saying that it is now possible to balance the budget and to cut taxes, too. Since about seventy-five percent of the nation's current expenditures are for economic aid to free nations fighting Communism, to accomplish the dual task it will be necessary to sharply reduce these so-called security measures.

Of course we would like to see that done, provided we do not weaken our battle against Communism and a third World War. By now it does seem as though a number of our Allies should be getting back on their own feet and it also seems that some way could be found to establish a peaceful world in which to live.

The United States cannot continue indefinitely to operate in the red. Somewhere there is a limit to what we can borrow and spend. Like members of Congress, we, too, await eagerly the inauguration of General Eisenhower. If nothing more, we want to see the budget balanced and kept in balance.

Quite as easy to answer. Principally, it requires a decision to stop, and the decision in turn, requires a reason. Some people stop because a doctor tells 'em they must, some because they can't shake a hackin' cough, some to gain weight, and there are a variety of reasons. But it's really no trouble if the decision is arrived at.

I may re-enter slavery at any moment, but at least I've got my braggin' out of the way. Meantime, just call me "Fat".

AUTO INSPECTION LAW EXPECTED

(SMOKY MOUNTAIN TIMES)

Some of the North Carolina legislators who converged on Raleigh January 5th are framing an automobile inspection law for the 1953 legislature.

It will be well for them to remember the fate of the auto inspection law which North Carolina had and which was thrown out so quickly by the legislature which met two years after it was enacted.

The people of North Carolina will not tolerate a law which requires them to waste several days' time trying to get their vehicles inspected. They can also will not tolerate a law which says they must spend substantial amounts to have something corrected that has only a remote connection with safe operation of a vehicle.

The people will respect a law which makes sure that brakes, lights, steering and other essential mechanisms for safe operation are in good working order. They will tolerate a law which demands perfection.

If a law is enacted there must be provision made for prompt inspection without having to wait in ridiculously long lines. Another requirement the public will demand is that the inspection fee be nominal. If these conditions are not met another inspection law will be doomed. To remain on the books and be effective, an auto inspection law must be reasonable in its requirements in that it must cover only safety essentials. And if the law is to be tolerated, provision must be made whereby a motor vehicle owner can get such inspection any day which suits his convenience.

Prices paid by farmers in November, 1952, were only 1 per cent lower than in November 1951, but prices received by farmers were down 8 per cent.

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Famous Gardens Greatest Season

Camellias at Middleton, Magnolia and Cypress gardens this season promise their greatest array of blooms in three years.

The reason: a "normal" winter. A spokesman for the gardens says "Winter came as it should — gradually. The early cold delayed the opening of the blooms somewhat, but it hardened the plants so that they can now produce more and finer blossoms. The result will be a heavier bloom than we have had in the last three years."

Magnolia is known for its flowers, individual and en masse; Cypress for its mirror-like pools, and Middleton for its formal landscaping.

At Magnolia, constant transplanting from nursery to garden is resulting in the addition of new and fine varieties of camellias. Unusual plants are bred in the nursery for several years until they have proved adaptable to this climate. Then they are moved into the garden.

Cypress garden's rare daphne

odora, brought in from Oregon, is beginning to bloom. This low-growing plant is unusual not for its flowers but for its fragrance, which hangs over the cypress ponds and walkways.

Camellias are scattered throughout Cypress gardens and there is a concentration of them in a camellia-walk just to the left of the entrance, where they are planted according to color.

Middleton garden's camellia trees, which have been blooming for centuries, are again coming into flower. They form virtual tunnels over the landscaped walks. In the newer and less formal portions of the garden, plants of more modern culture are blooming.

Reduced winter rates will continue in effect at Middleton, Magnolia and Cypress for a few weeks more.

Soil testing is one of the first steps a farmer can take in planning an effective fertilization program.

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